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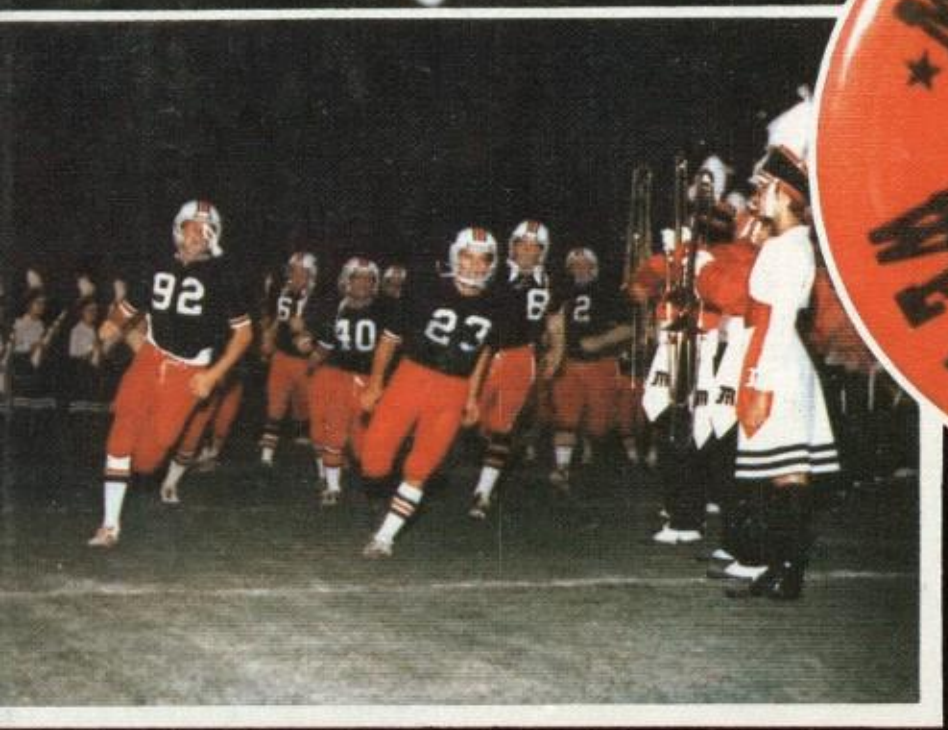

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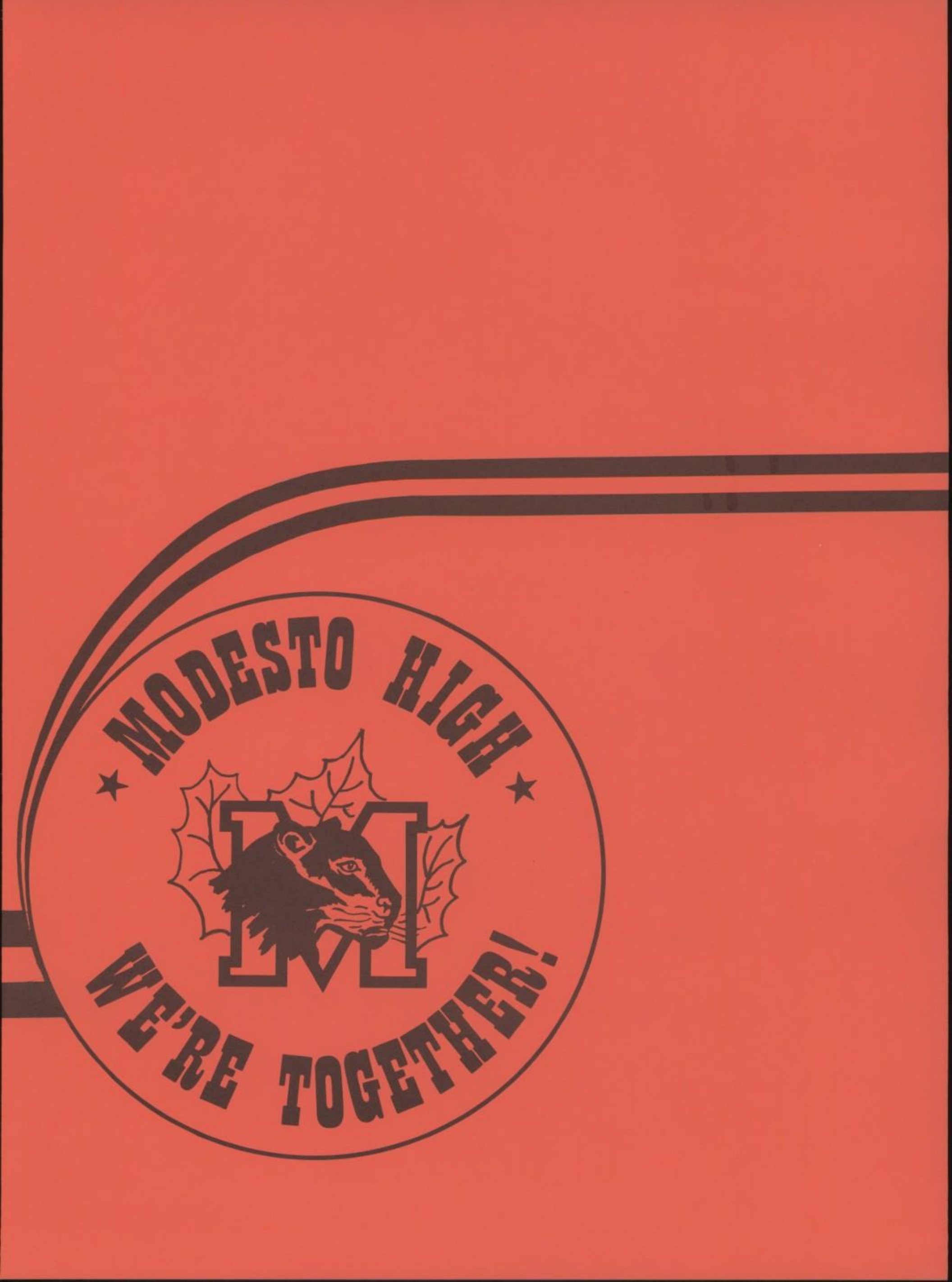
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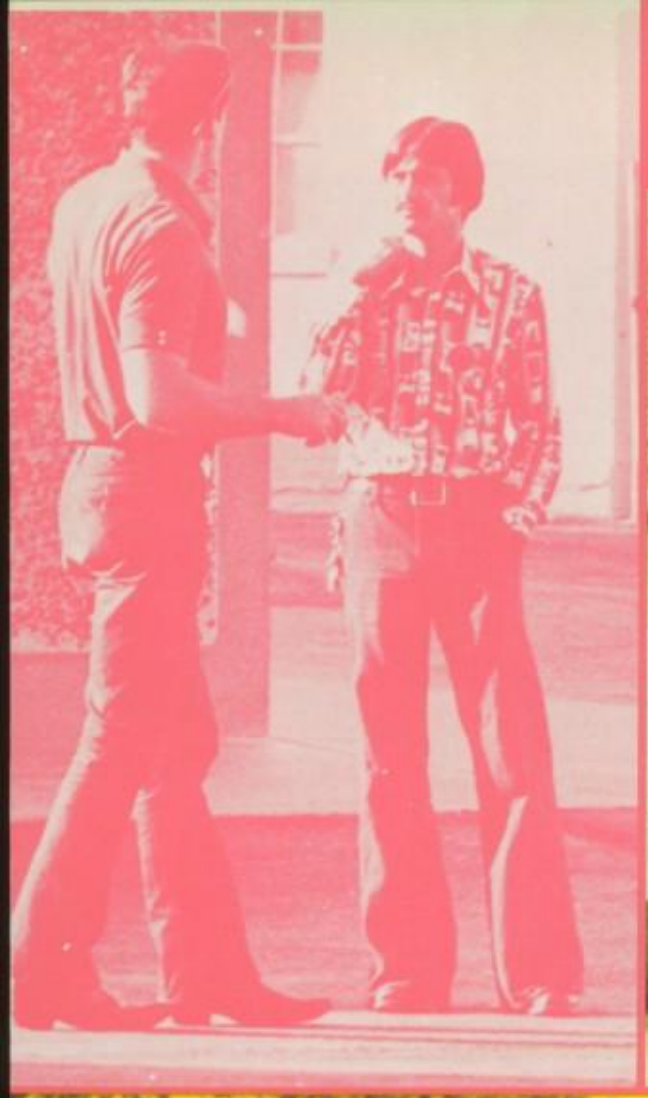
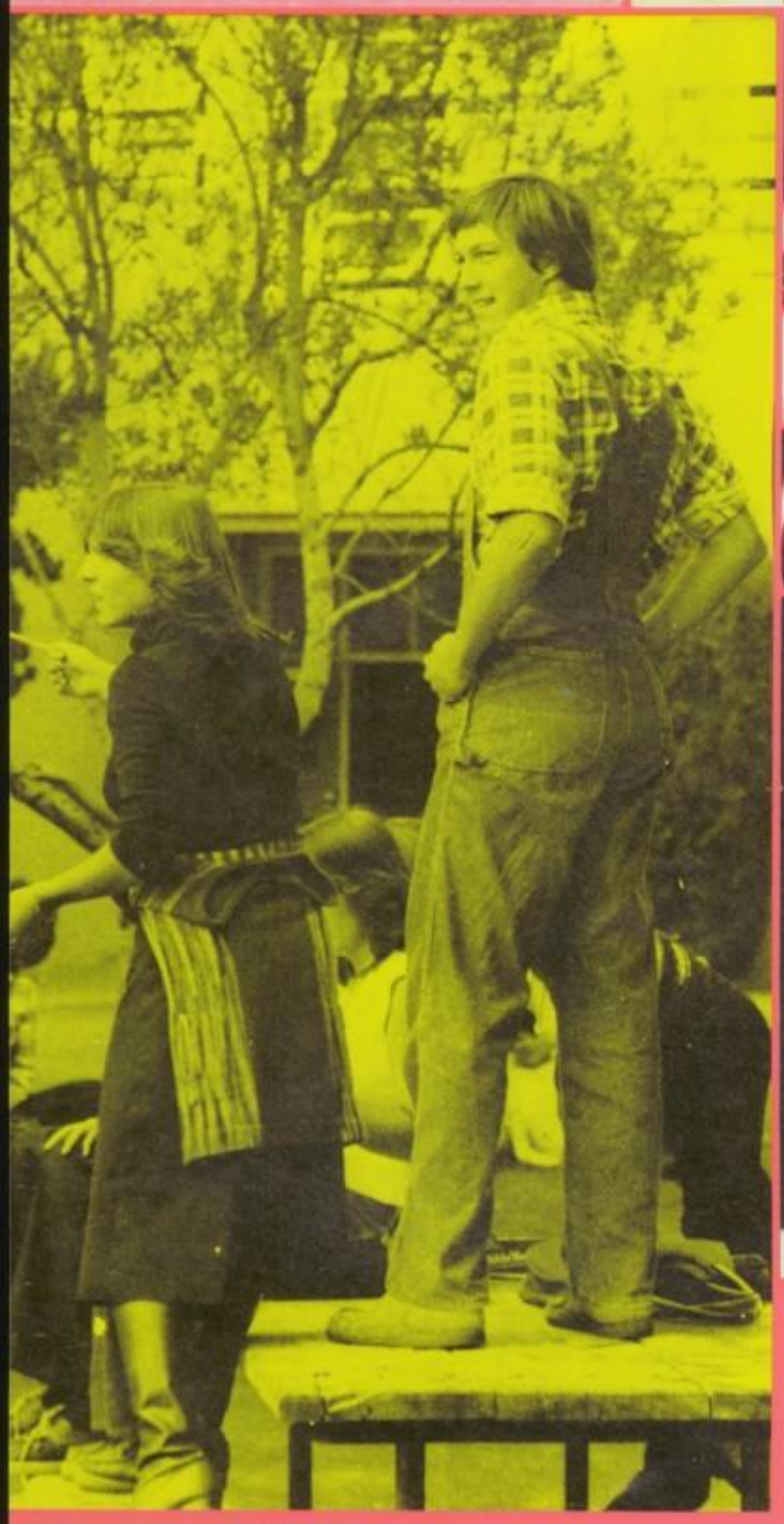
"Of the students, by the students, for the students" has become the theme for the life of this dedicated teacher. A paraphrase from Abraham Lincoln, it is appropriate to apply this phrase to an educator in the field of social studies.

Devoted to helping seniors become better citizens who know a little more about their community and nation before they step out into the world, this man exemplifies the true spirit of our school in many different ways. He struggles for countless hours to plan new and exciting units and secure guest speakers for the Government classes. His service as a member of the MHS Study Committee and the sound of his voice as he announces the play-by-play action on the football field are but two of many examples of his service to the school.

For this and more the staff of **Sycamore 78** commends him, and in appreciation we dedicate the **1978 Sycamore** to Mr. John Whitaker.

Above: Taking a break from his usual chore of announcing, Mr. Whitaker watches the football game on the sidelines with Martha Ketchum.
Circle: Mr. Whitaker takes time out of his busy schedule to laugh with a fellow worker.
Upper Right: Perfecting his hobby, Mr. Whitaker clicks the camera on his favorite activity.





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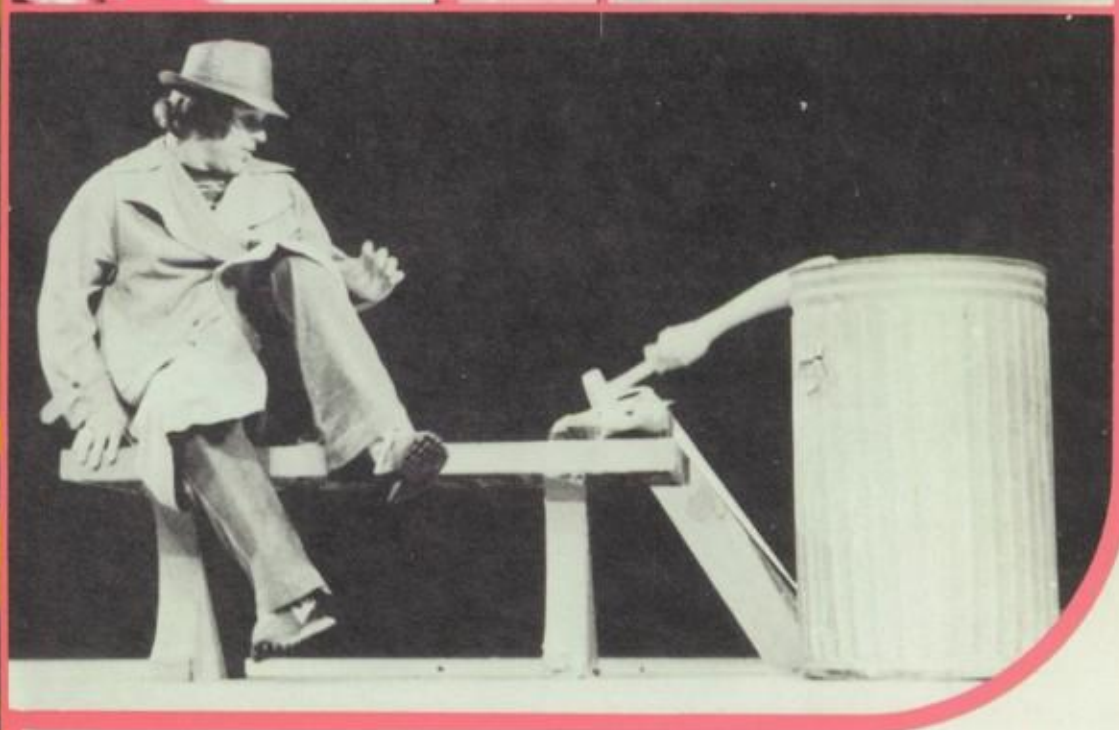
Who are we?

We are the Panthers of Modesto High School.

We are leaders, followers, hard workers, lazy, athletic, intellectual, friendly, timid, meek, overbearing, young, and old.

We are growing and learning as individuals and as groups; we come from many different walks of life, with different motives and ambitions, facing different kinds of obstacles and pressures, and enjoying a variety of satisfactions.

But we all have one experience in common: we are the people at MHS. Despite our many differences—indeed, because of them—we are continuously re-defining our answers to the question, "Panther Life: what's it all about?"

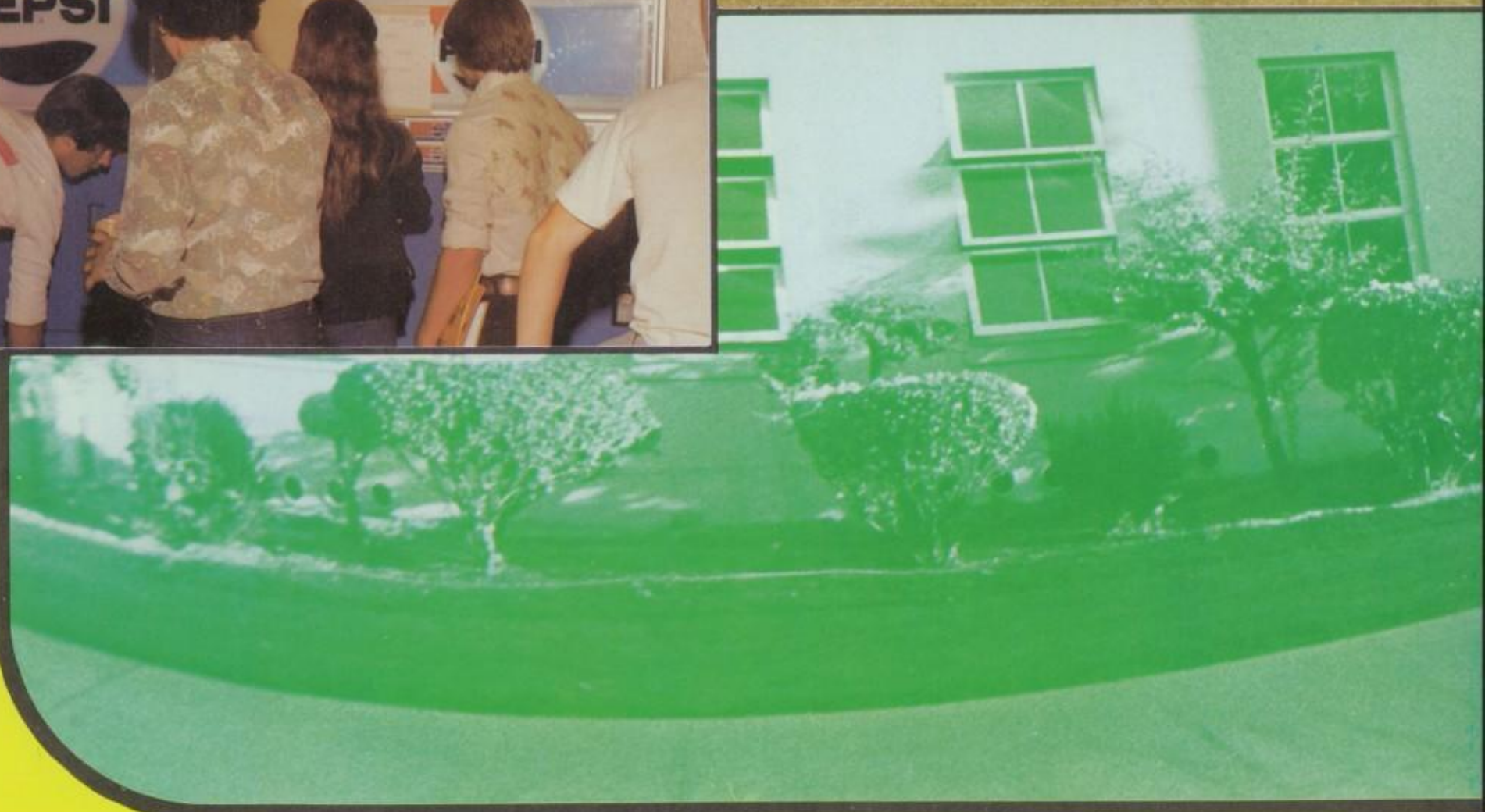


Upper Center: Athletic Director, Mr. Finch, and Student Body Advisor, Mr. Rocha stop for a brief word on the athletic budget.
Far Upper Right: While receiving pointers from Ms. Leathers, Neidra Chase prepares to mount the balance beam.
Above Upper Right: Ruth Richards zeros in on an attempted field goal at a varsity football game.
Above: Philip Johnson(alias Mr. Phelps) appears astonished after seeing his tape recorder self-destruct.
Left: Junior Class Rep. Anita Menghetti auctions off Rocky Vinnedge for Slave Day.

Occupying a mere 19 acres at the corner of First and H Streets in southwest Modesto, the MHS campus is a place where things happen.

Venturesome students may enjoy a night out with their friends, attending a football or basketball game and later gathering to eat pizza, or just simply 'partying' informally. But at the root of all these activities lies MHS, through which students become acquainted, resulting in the formation of new and lasting friendships.

To some, school is a painful experience which must be endured. Others have learned to turn their high school years to their own advantage and 'make the best of it' by molding their educational process to fit their own patterns of life, whether it be burying themselves in an engrossing book, joining a sports team, or getting involved in extra-curricular activities.



where it's at

Far Upper Left: Thumbing through envelopes of courses offered by Ms. Leathers, Desi Angle searches for the Gymnastic Team card.

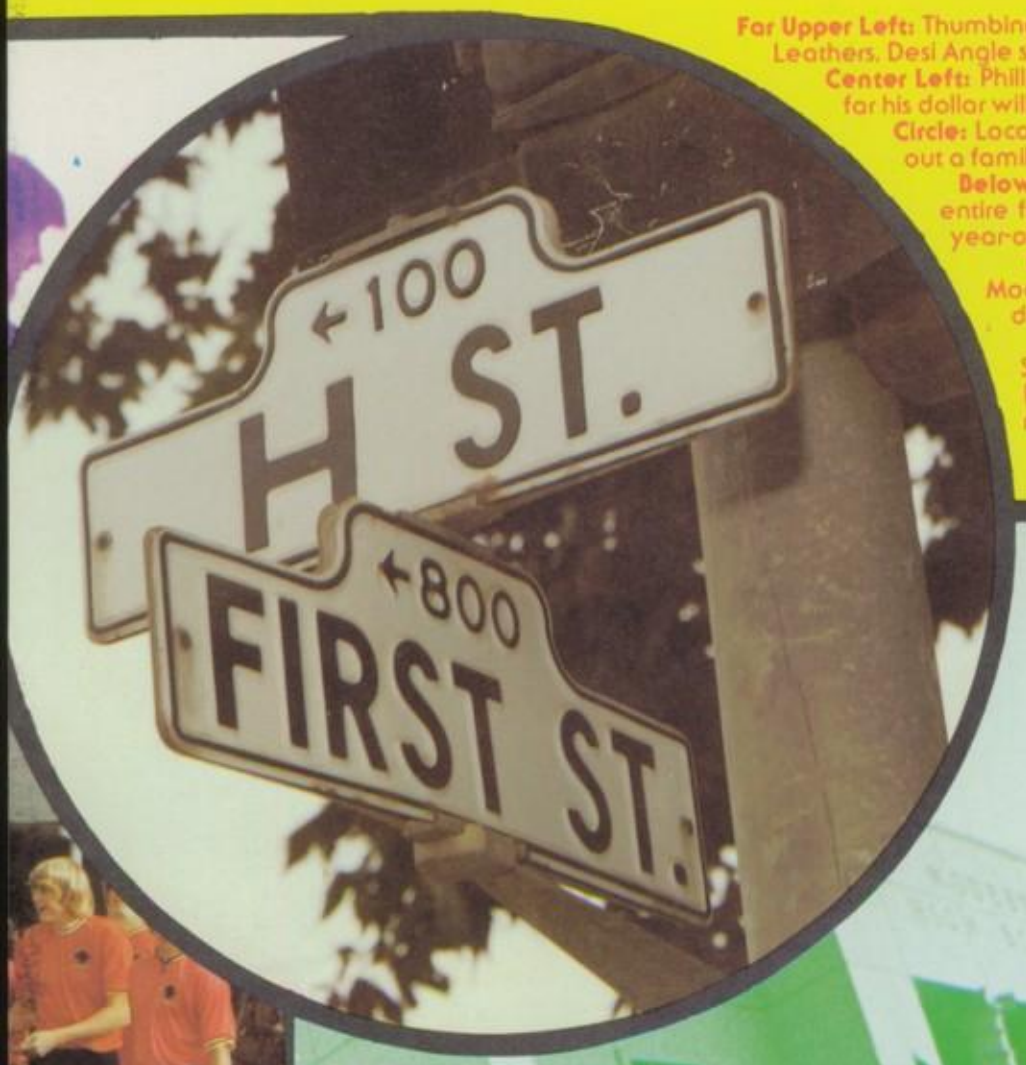
Center Left: Phillip Nachatelo scans the wall menu to see how far his dollar will go in the snack bar.

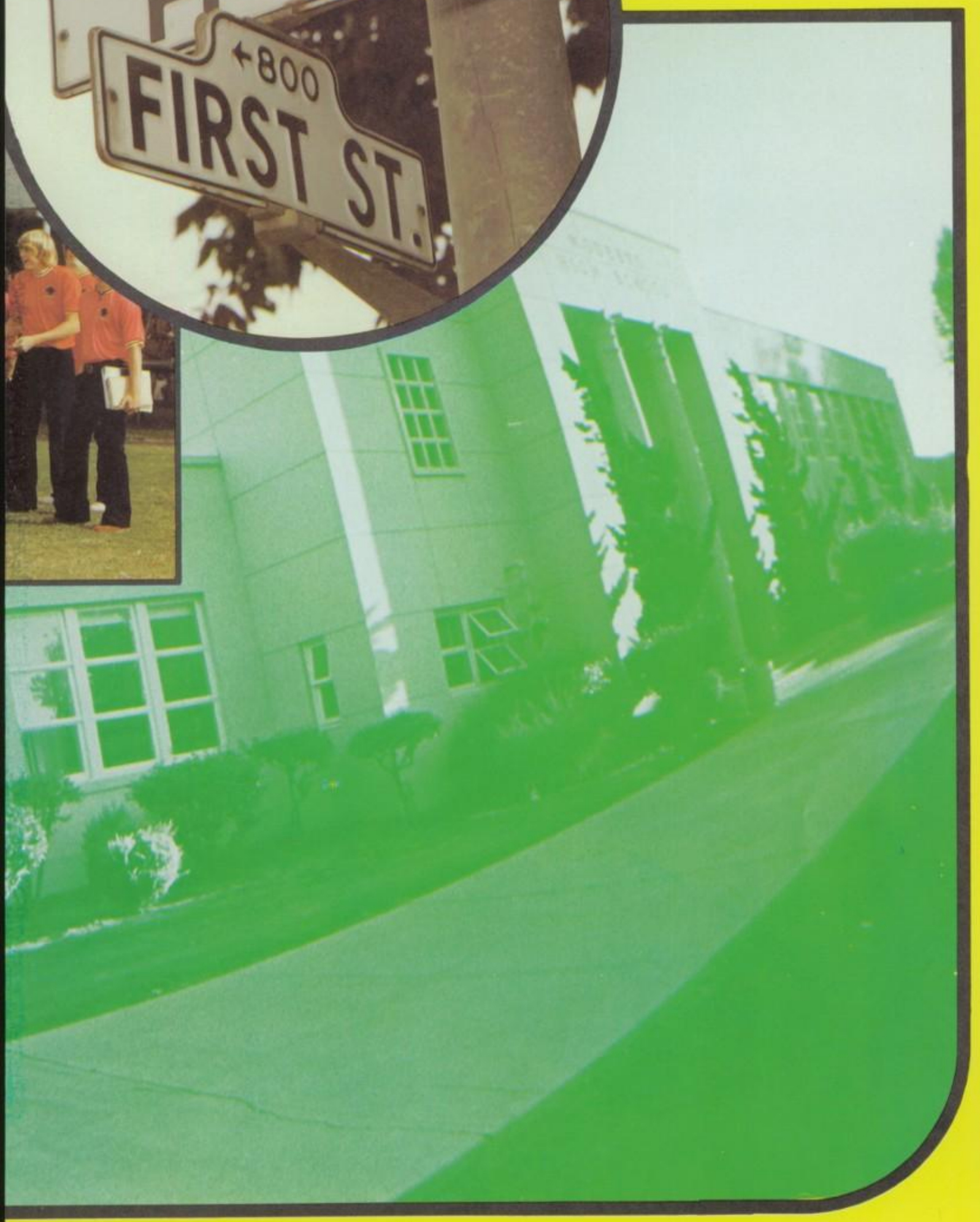
Circle: Located at the corner of MHS, the street sign points out a familiar address.

Below: A 'fish eye view' of MHS makes visible the entire front of the campus which is home to the 94-year-old school.

Center: While proudly displaying their Modesto High T-shirts, varsity football players discuss the evening's game with Seaside.

Far Left: Thirsty students crowd into the Student Body Office to feed money into the Pepsi machines with hopes of something in return.





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Far Upper Left: VICA members applaud their guest speaker after an interesting presentation given at the first meeting.
Left Center: Performing their daily errand, ROTC students raise the United States and California flags.
Left: Raising money for the Business Club, Diana Goncalves and Tom O'Brian sell cotton candy at the football game.
Circle: At the end of half-time, the varsity football team re-enters the field, charging through the colorful funnel formed by the band, cheerleaders, and rally.
Lower Center: Chris Nelson, Martha Ketchum, Kara Bentson, Lois Hunnicutt, Heidi Vigerust, Jenny Stenman, and Edgardo Malolos gather around a library table to plan the AFS Club Christmas party.
Far Lower Left: During an FFA meeting, Steve Hampton reviews arrangements for an upcoming chicken barbeque and auction.
Far Center Left: Terry Davis demonstrates to 'S' Club members the proper method of adding the finishing touches to a decorated cake.

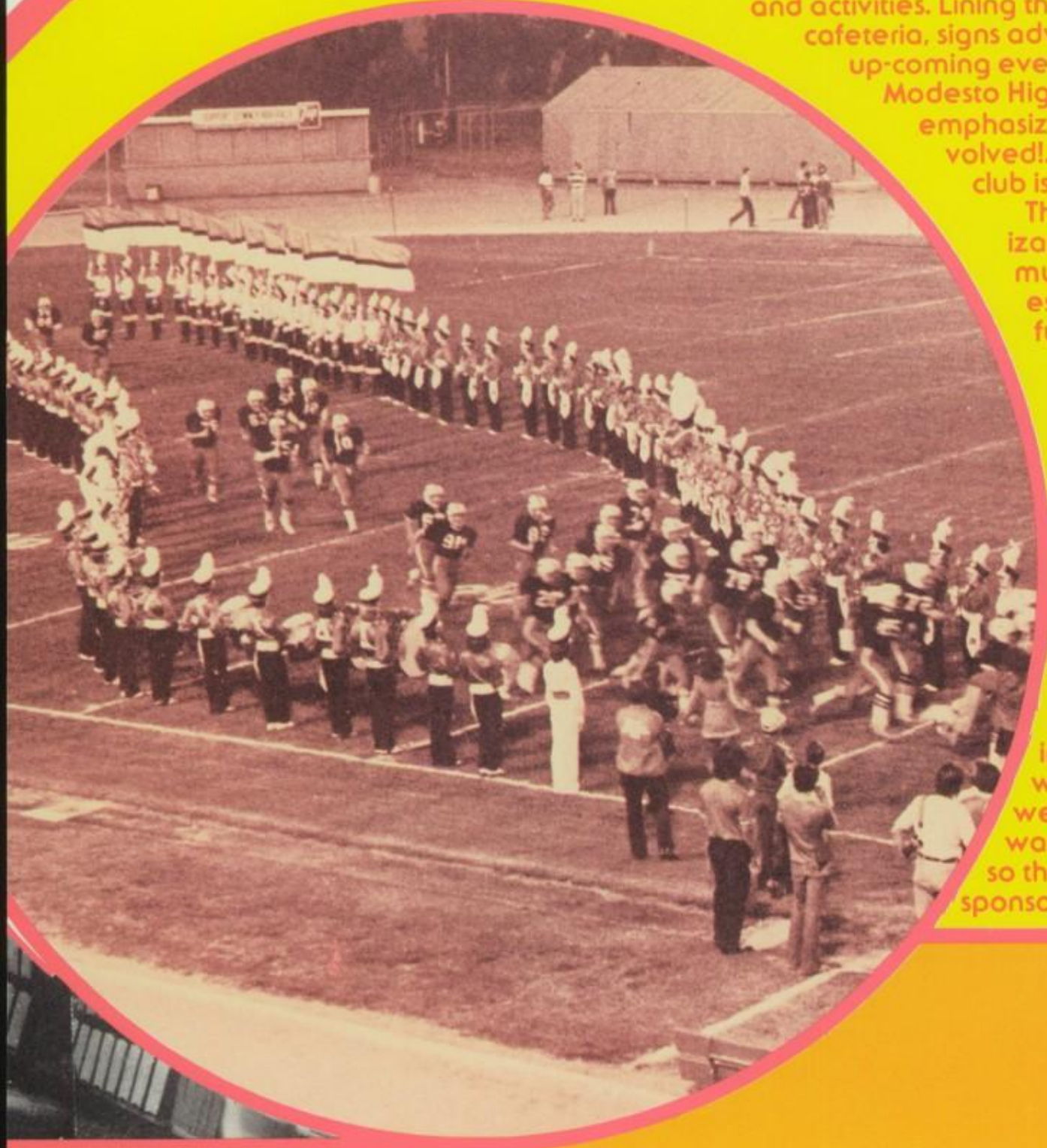
clubs

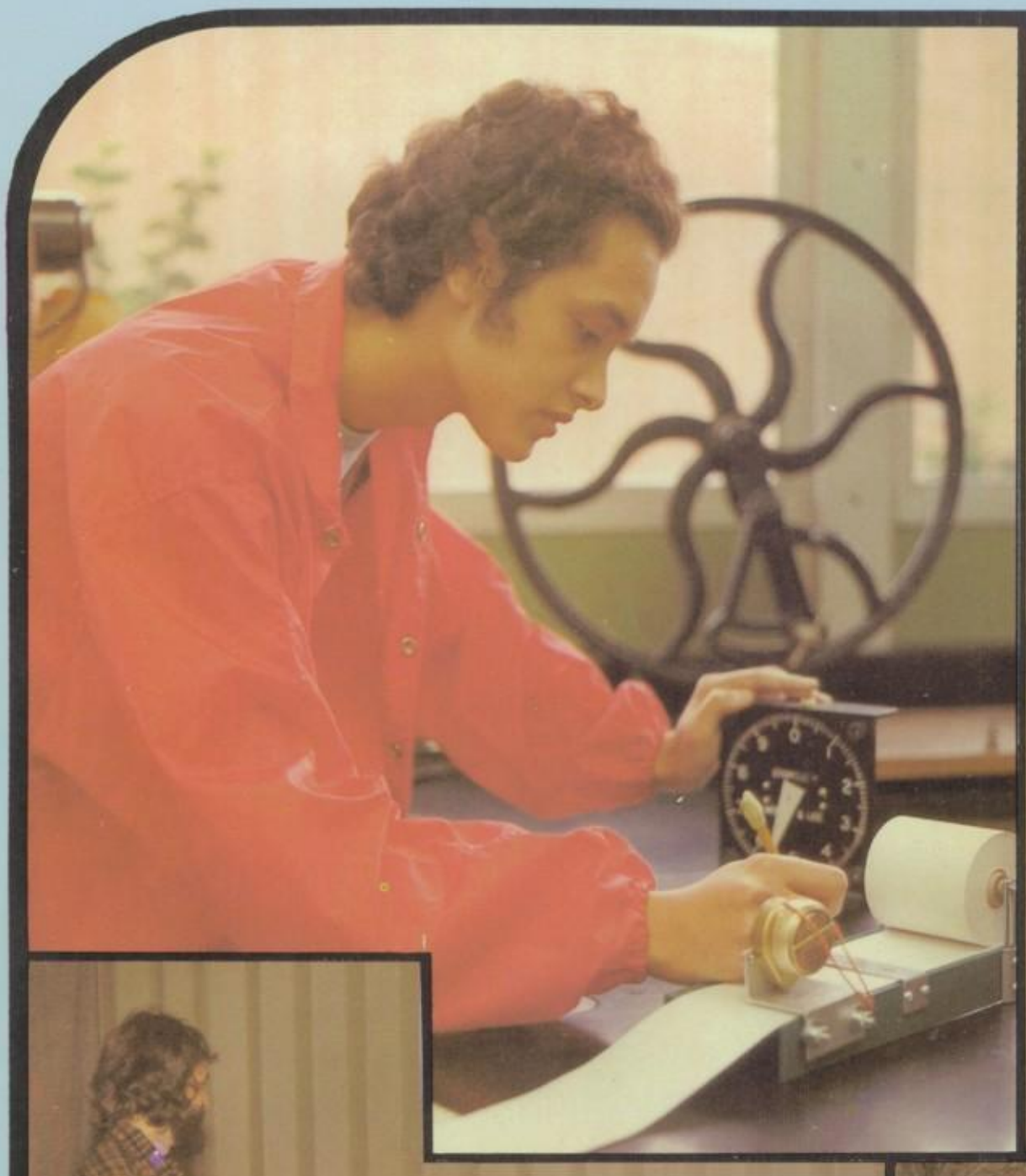
'getting involved is what it's all about'

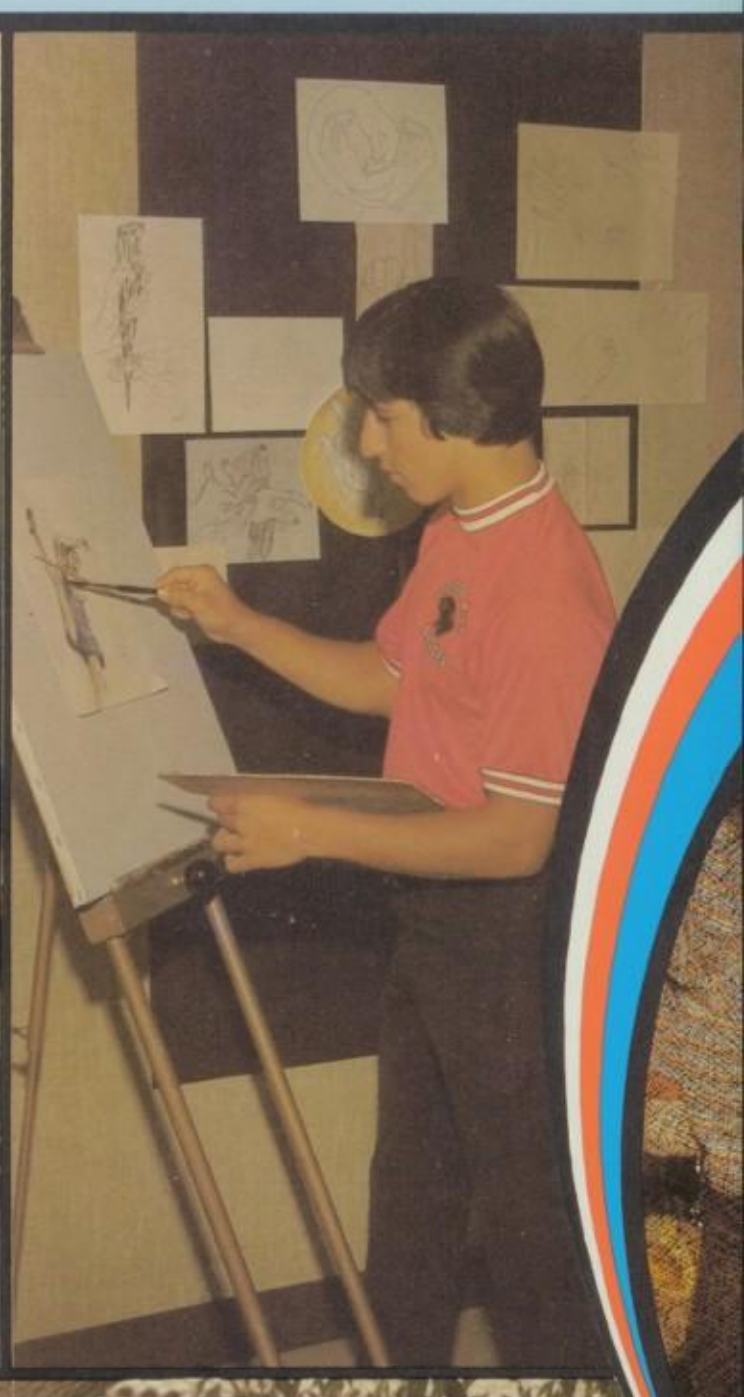
Published daily, the Bulletin boasts a long list of meetings and activities. Lining the walls of corridors and cafeteria, signs advertise dances and other up-coming events sponsored by the clubs of Modesto High School. All in some way emphasize one basic idea—get involved!...and that's what being in a club is all about.

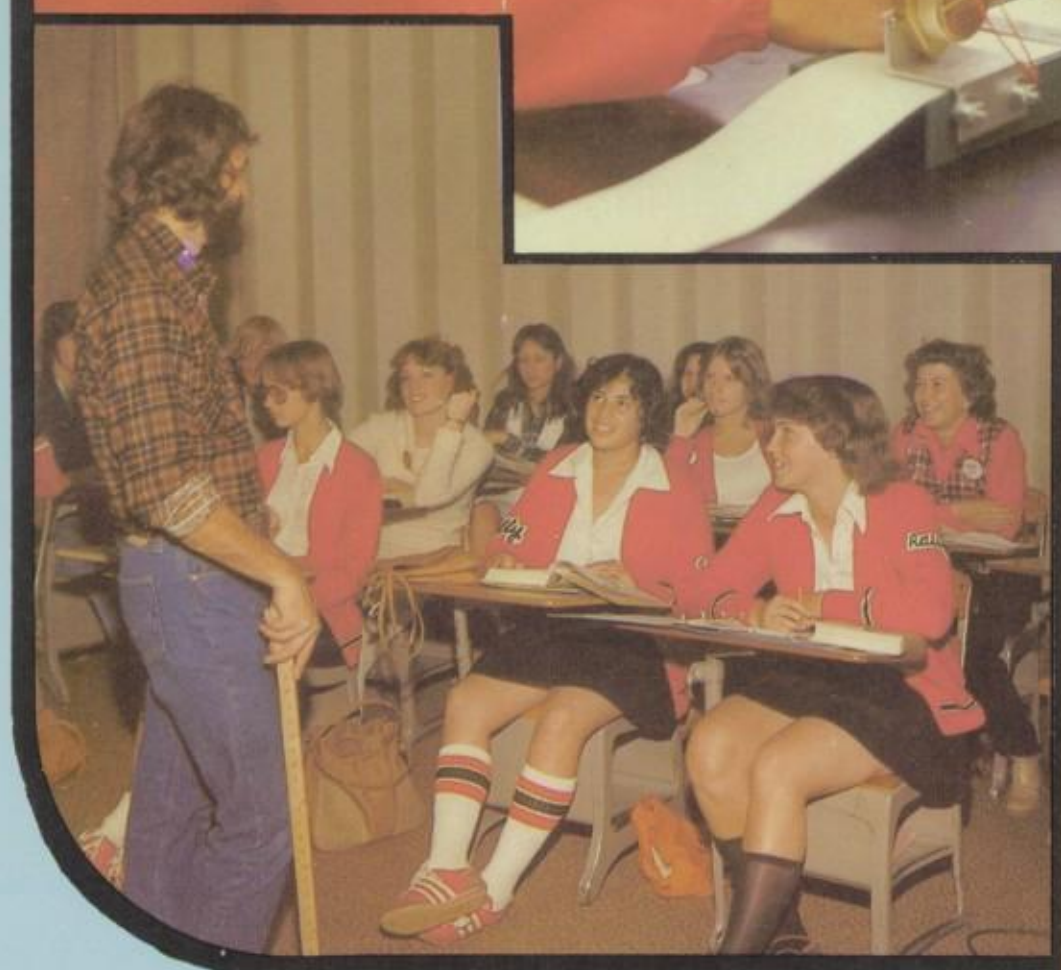
There are more than 30 organizations at MHS, offering community services, special interests, and—best of all— lots of fun. People may join specific clubs because their friends are members, or because it will 'look good' on their college applications, or to get extra pictures of themselves in the yearbook, but most join with genuine intentions of participating in the club's activities.

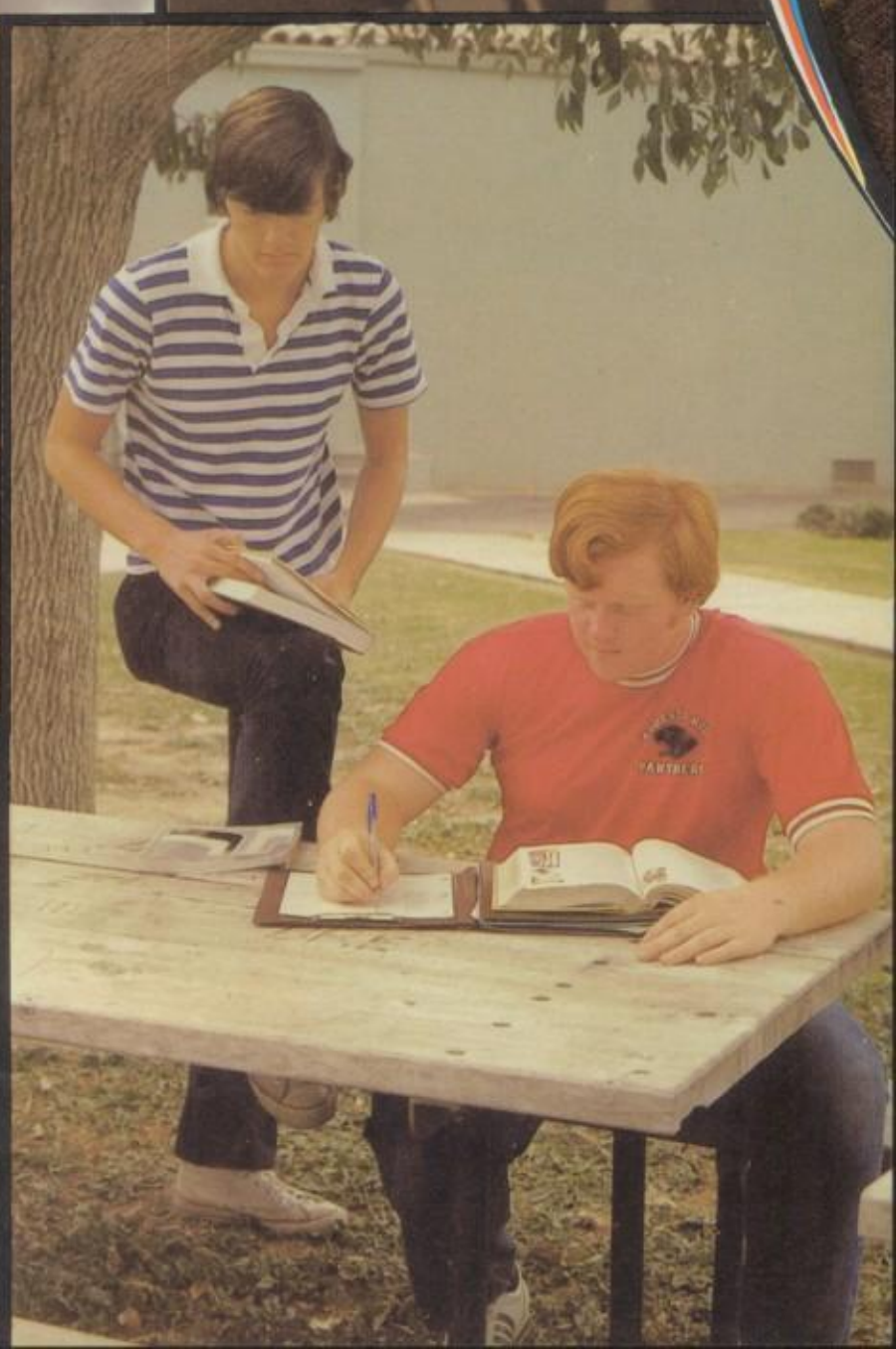
Providing students with greater access to clubs and opportunity to attend meetings, a new Activity Schedule was offered once every two weeks in which the lunch period was lengthened by 25 minutes so that meetings and similar club-sponsored activities could be held.











Upper Left: With deep concentration, Bill Eaker conducts an experiment on the laws of motion in physics class.
Upper Center: Showing great skill and ability, Javier Mendoza adds the finishing touches which make his work exceptional.
Circle: After a tour of the library, David Howell and other freshmen look on as Mrs. Merchant types their library cards.
Far Lower Right: Derrick Wilburn strives for perfection while drawing future houseplans.
Right Center: Mrs. Marge Stuhlman, to her amazement finds one algebra student ready to answer.
Right: Tom Payne and Evan Campbell frantically study for a government test the next period.
Above: Mr. Autry's masterpieces class, including Peggy Long, Holly Skinner, Connie Jimenez, Sandy Sanchez, Linda Nevitt, Jenny Stenman, and Paula Morrow, normally in turmoil, is caught at an unusually subtle moment.

academics

'learnin' the lessons of life'

While many students attend school just to be with their friends, the real purpose, providing an opportunity for education, is nonetheless generally recognized. Many students realize that they are here to learn right from the beginning; some realize this fact a little later on; some never recognize the opportunity until it's too late.

Although an occasional "brain" seems always prepared for a high score on tests or "pop quizzes," most students remember the exam the morning it is to be given. Those to whom good grades are important can be found in the library, cafeteria, or courtyard, cramming, catching up, or trying to get ahead. These are the ones who finish the term paper for third period during the break on the due date.

There are also many who slide by, doing only the minimum amount required of them, and the non-achievers, whose effort and energy levels are so low in the classroom teachers often wonder how they manage to exist from one weekend to the next.

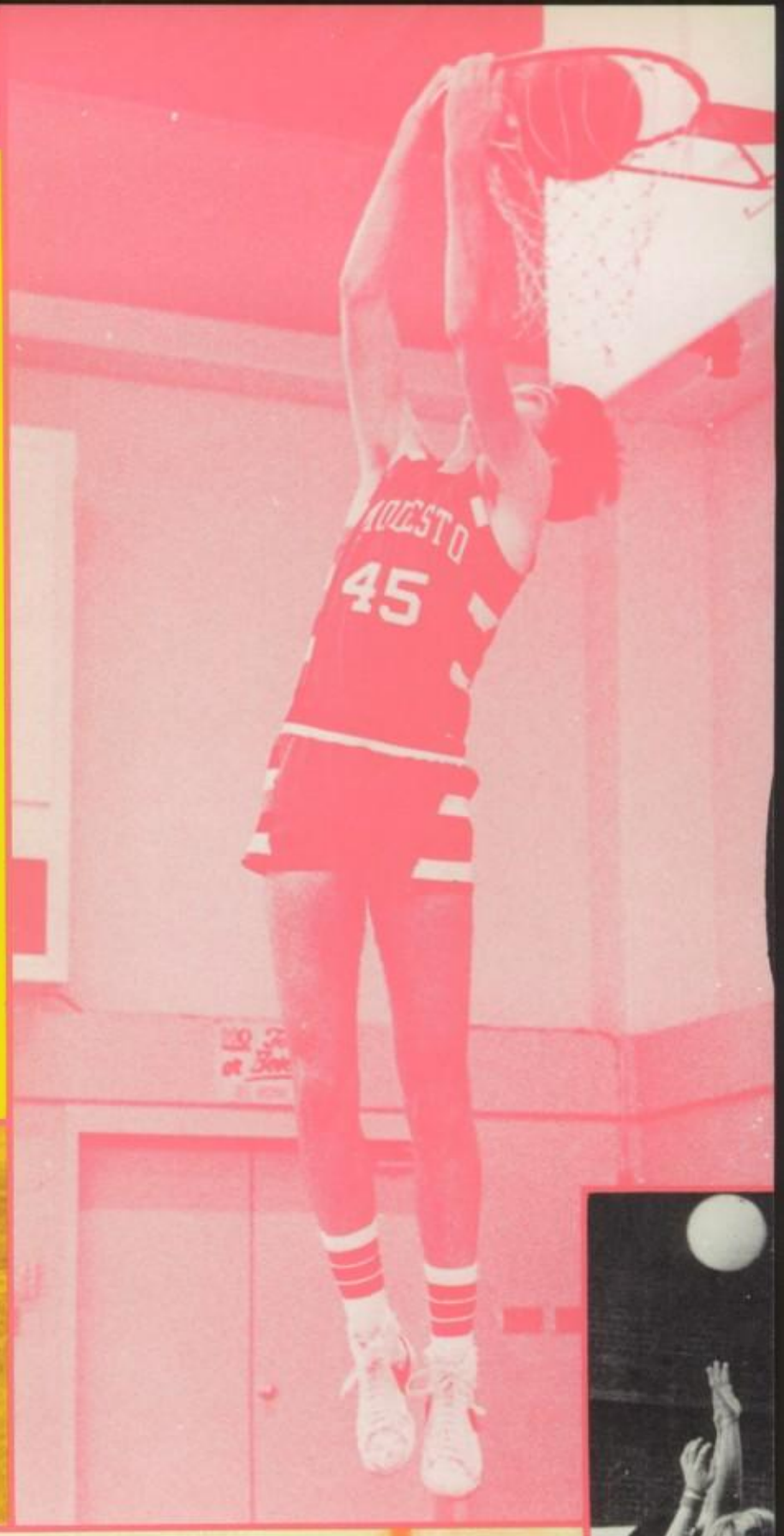
MHS students quickly discovered advantages to the new arena scheduling and chose courses which satisfied their interests.

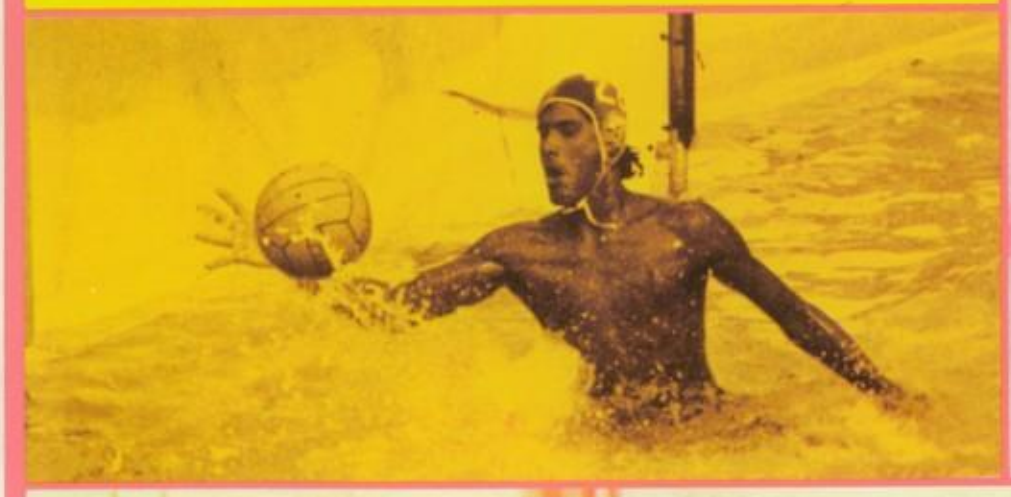
'it's how you play the game'

After the first football game of the season when the Modesto High School varsity beat Seaside of Monterey 7-6 (completing a rare triple-header victory with frosh and sophomore wins that same evening), spirits, hopes, and confidence were high for all of the Panther athletes. However, the thrill of victory was short-lived, though athletes in all sports continued to do their their best.

Individuals learned the personal satisfactions of self-discipline and endurance, of practicing skills until they become near-perfect, and of making split second decisions correctly. Their dedication and ability served as examples for the entire student body.

Feeling the effects of four years as the underdog in almost all sports, MHS athletes have developed a firm determination to "stick it out," realizing more easily than their counterparts at other schools that more important than the final statistics is how well the game was played. While enjoying the thrill of victory, Panthers learned frequently the reality of disappointment, as the School Board delayed for another year the promised increase in enrollment.





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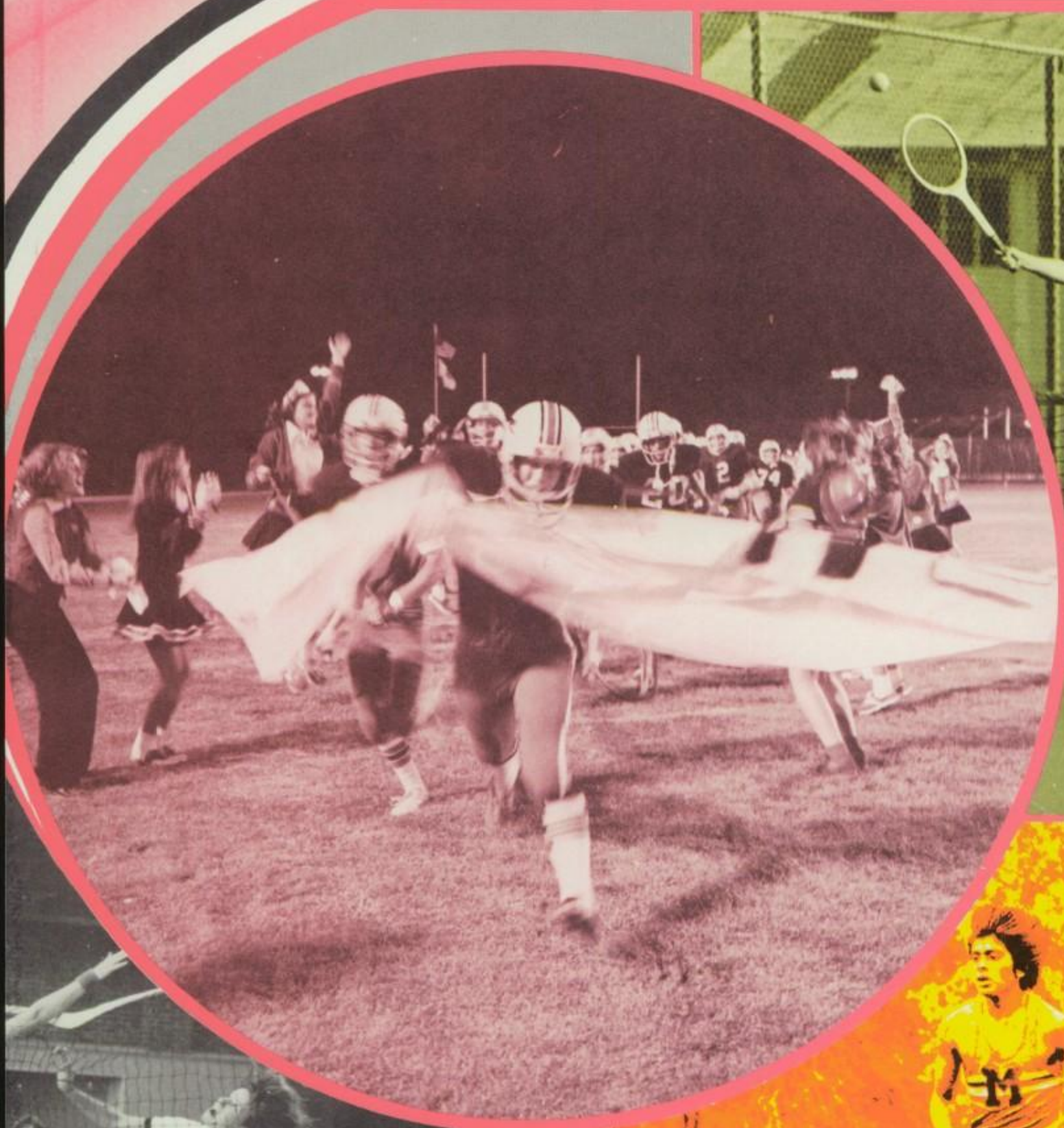
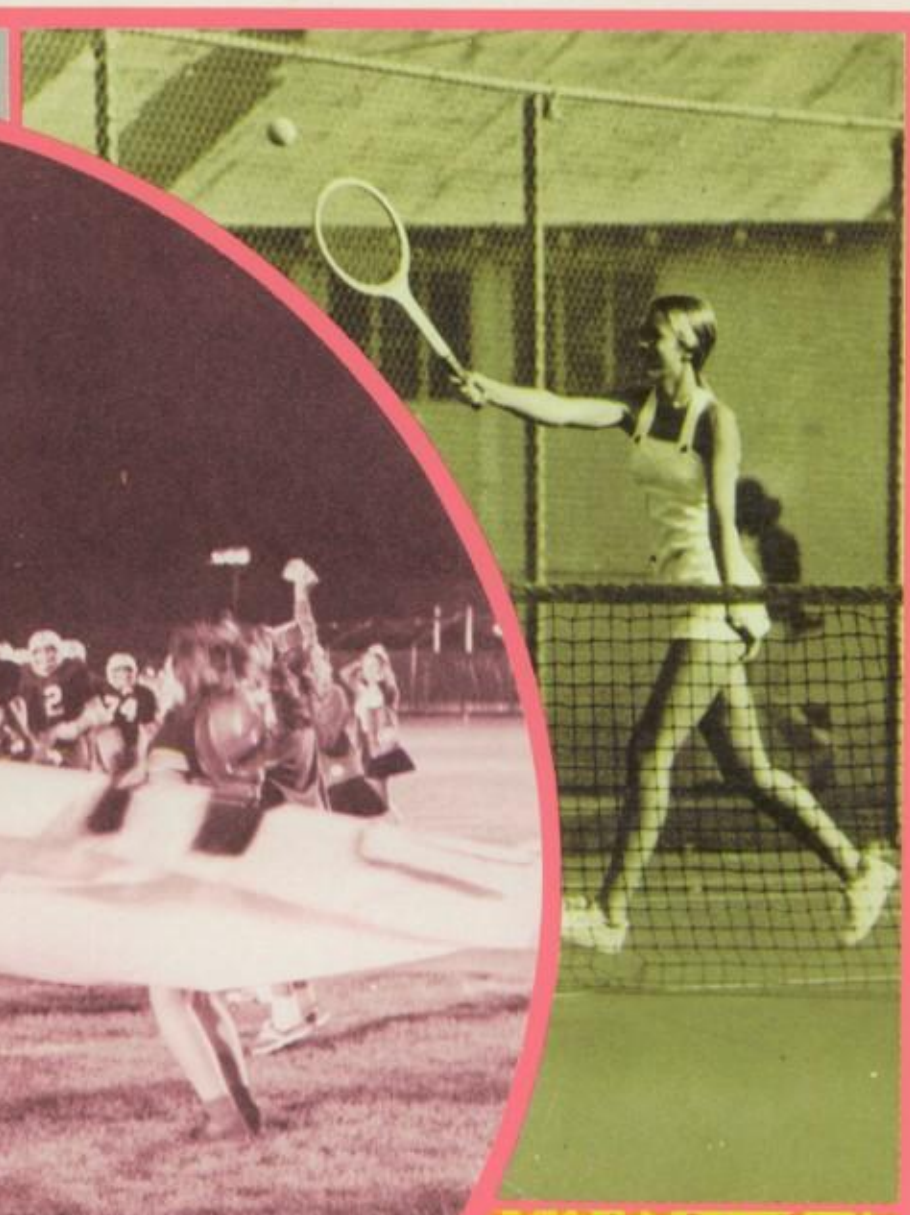
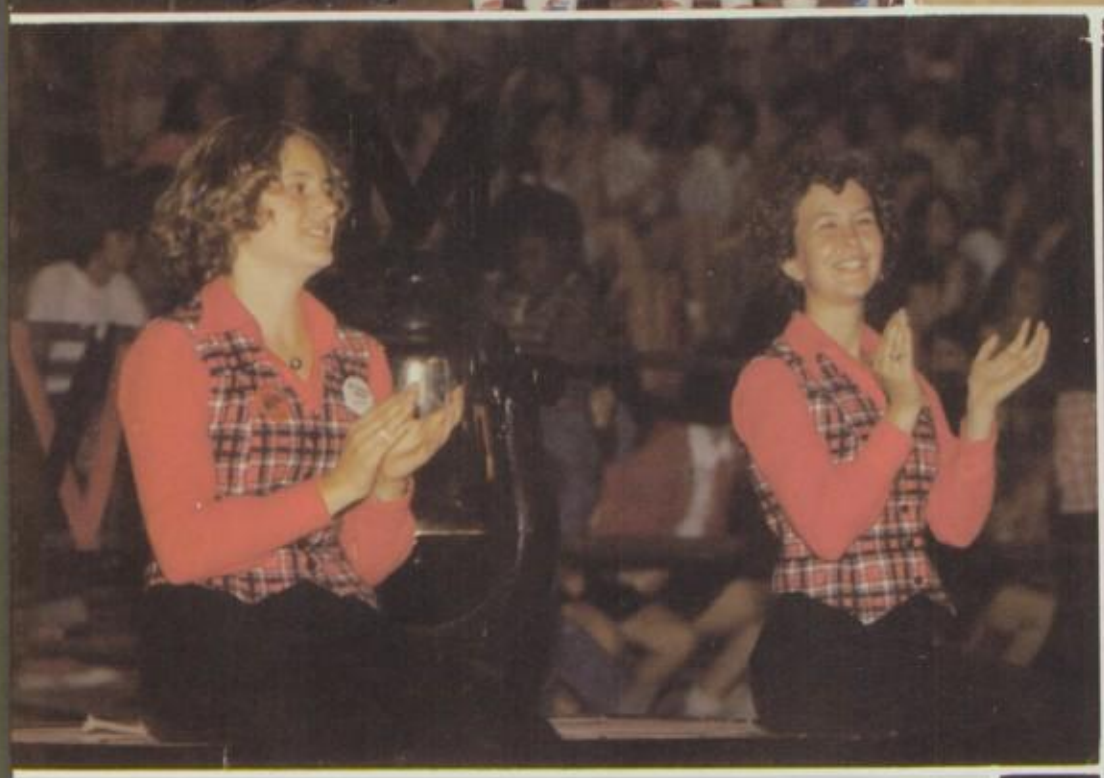




Upper Left: Goalie Raul Ortiz 'egg-beaters' high out of the water to block a wide shot.
Upper Center: Steve Rocha displays brilliant form as he executes a reverse slam dunk.
Circle: Breaking through the funnel is a traditional pre-game and halftime artivity for the fooball team.
Upper Right: Outstanding tennis player Sharon Lubeck swiftly returns the ball with an overhand smash.
Above Right: Rick Simentel plunges ahead of a Downey harrier, hoping to place well in the cross country meet.
Above Left: Debra Lyles and Diane Louis both reach to pummel the ball at their opponents' feet.
Left: Practicing an optional routine, Jayleen Tuggle demonstrates her balance and flexibility on the balance beam.

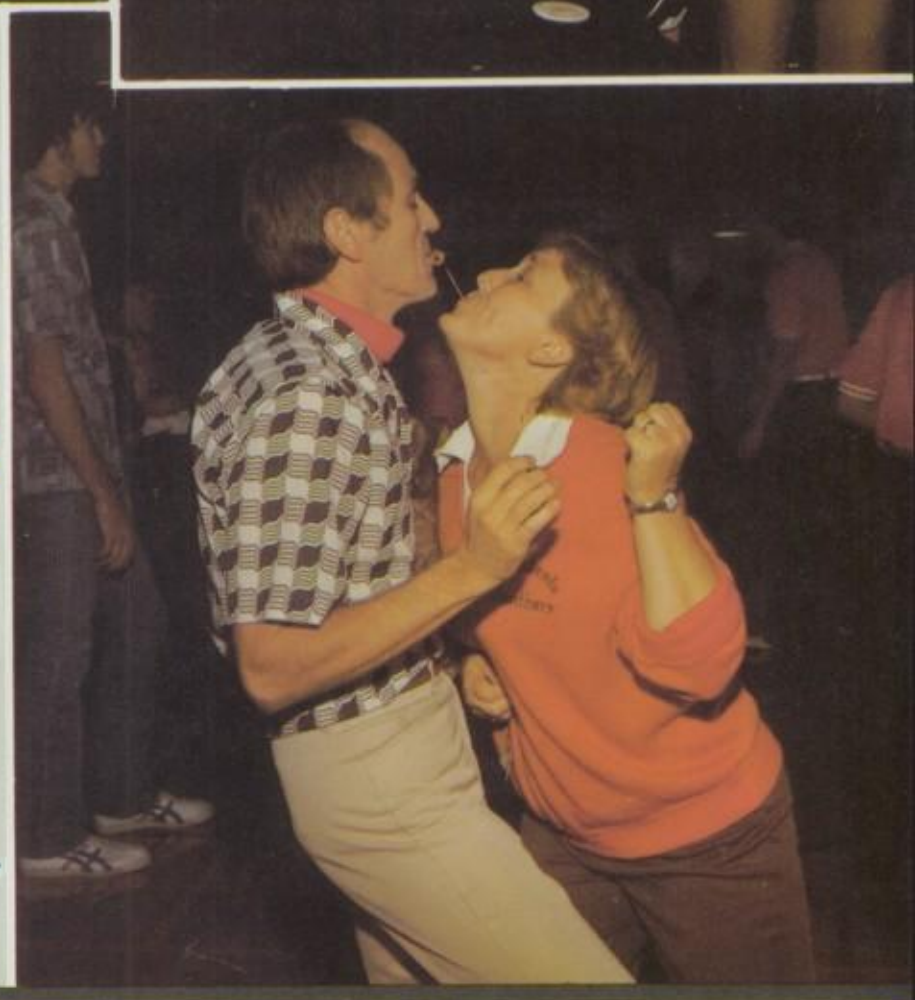


'panthers are great, we rate!"

Spirit, its activities and its leaders, have always been regarded highly at Modesto High School. Song and yell leaders, mascots, and commissioners, as well as an enthusiastic general rally form the backbone of the spirited atmosphere known as Panther Pride.

From making and hanging signs in the hallways to decorating lockers to participating in skits at the Friday afternoon rallies in the Girls Gym to singing the school hymn, there are activities for all to participate in and enjoy. Then comes game time itself, with the Spirit Leaders out in front, helping the crowd to cheer the Panthers in victory or defeat.

Designing a series of dress-up days, organizing contests, including a kiss-a-pig contest and a "sexy legs" (men's) contest, and continuing the "secret pal" gifts begun last year, spirit activities played an important role in school pride. Encouraging staff and students to wear their 'Modesto High—We're Together!' buttons, the administration also supported efforts to regenerate old-fashioned patriotism and enthusiasm.



spirit

Far Upper Left: Suzanne Fisher and Martha Ketchum, alias Percy and Priscilla, explode with enthusism as they cheer on the Panther football team.

Upper Center: Signs with clever artwork fill the halls with a victory cry for MHS sports.

Circle: Susie Campbell, Laurie Liebes, and Jayleen Tuggle make mini-motions while watching the Sophomore Songleaders perform a routine at the rally.

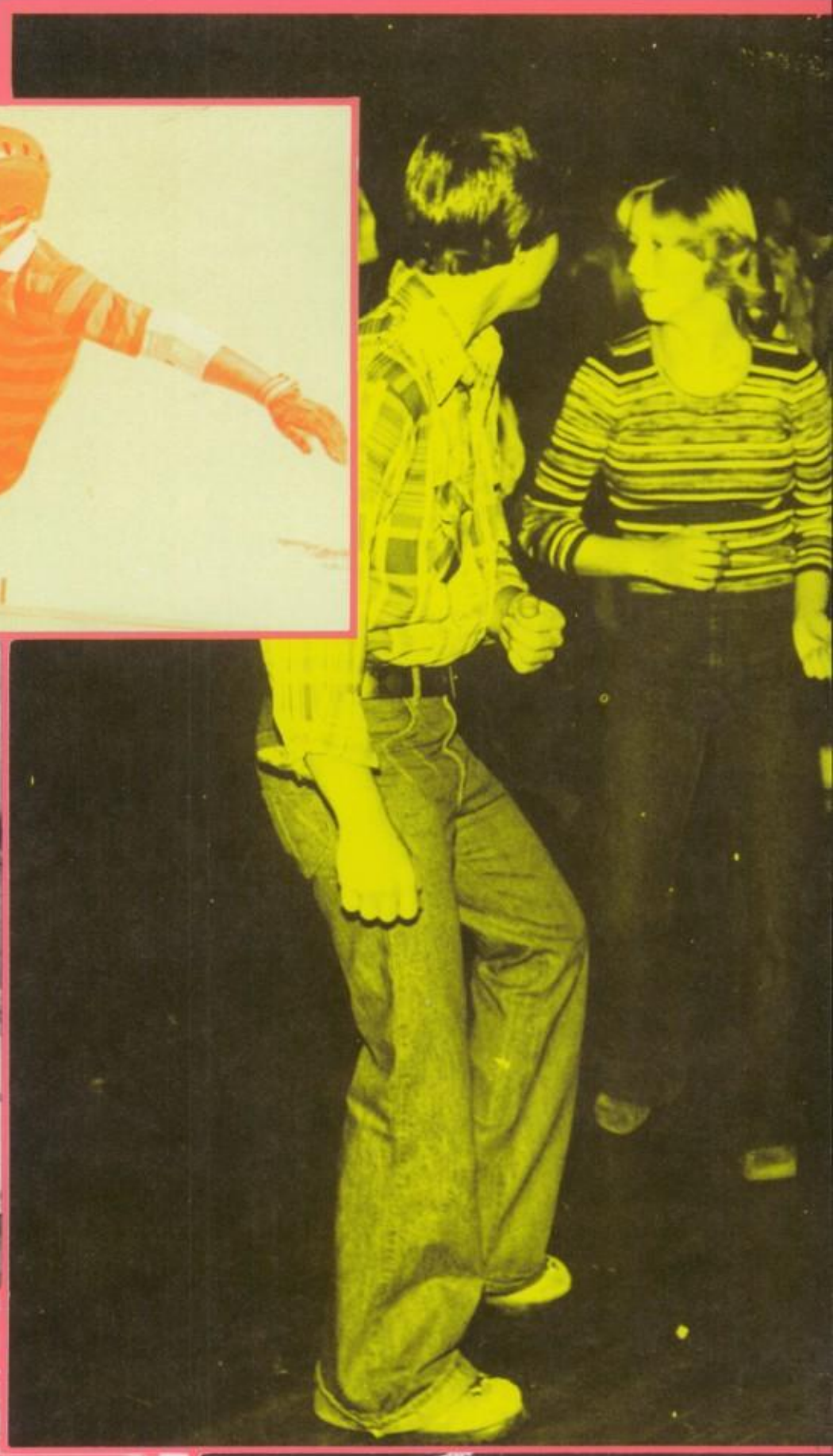
Below: With hands held high and fingers raised in loyalty, another rally is concluded by singing the school hymn.

Lower Center: Decking lockers with black and red, Diana Goncalves and Peggy Long 'spruce up' the corridors for game day.

Lower Left: Struggling to win a notch on the Pep-O-Meter, faculty members Mrs.Wilson and Mr. Horton 'pass the lifesaver' at a rally.

Center: Songleaders Connie Jimenez, Susan Alonzo, and MaryAnn Henriques each express their own feelings as the varsity team nears a touchdown.

Far Center Left: Enthusiastic Rally Commissioners Paula Morrow and Suzanne Porcelcella clap to the beat of the cheer as the varsity team team makes another first down.



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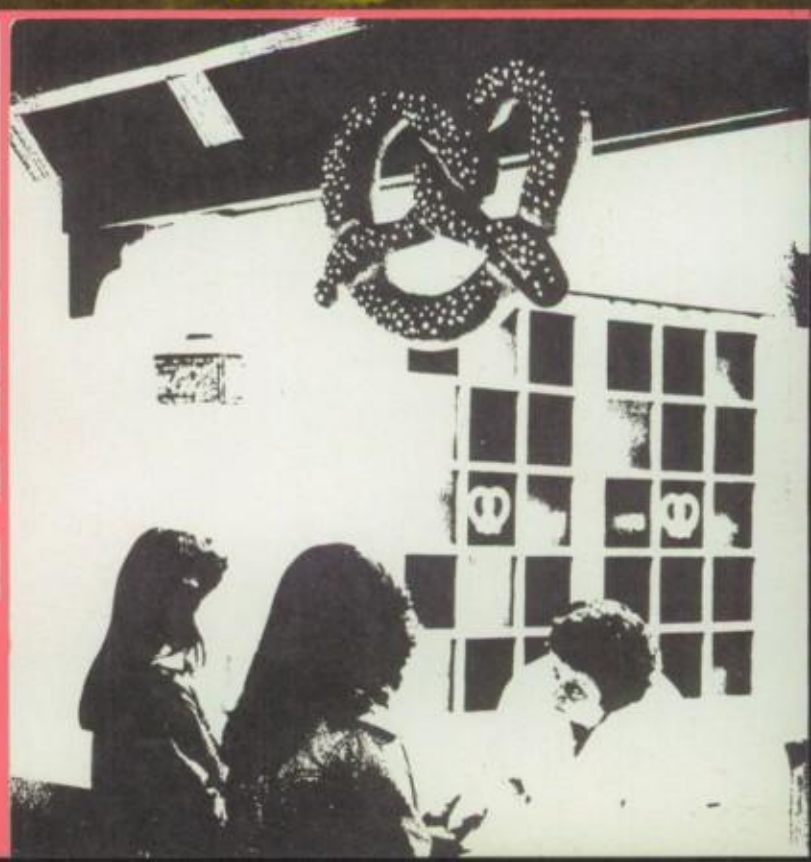


Far Upper Left: 'Hot-dogging' around a curve requires much coordination.
Upper Center: Clarence Abid and Shirley Murray 'strut their stuff' at the 'Pay Back the Debt' Inter-Hi Dance.
Circle: Panther fans hold their breath as the MHS ball carrier nears the goal line.
Far Lower Right: Lorraine Rosa, Jeff Woodbridge, Keith Watts and Linda Isoni go to see 'Star Wars.'
Lower Right Center: Russell Lusk, Rocky Vinnedge and Clifford Ball girl-watch on McHenry.
Lower Left Center: Helen Jimenez and Melinda Galvez satisfy their hunger at the Swiss Pretzel Shop in Vintage Faire.
Far Lower Left: Dan Wheeler and Rick Chambers watch Melvin Lemos race.
Far Center Left: Sue Van Duyn, Terri Carlton and Deidre Bradford close in on the last pieces of their pizza.

'it's where you want it to be'

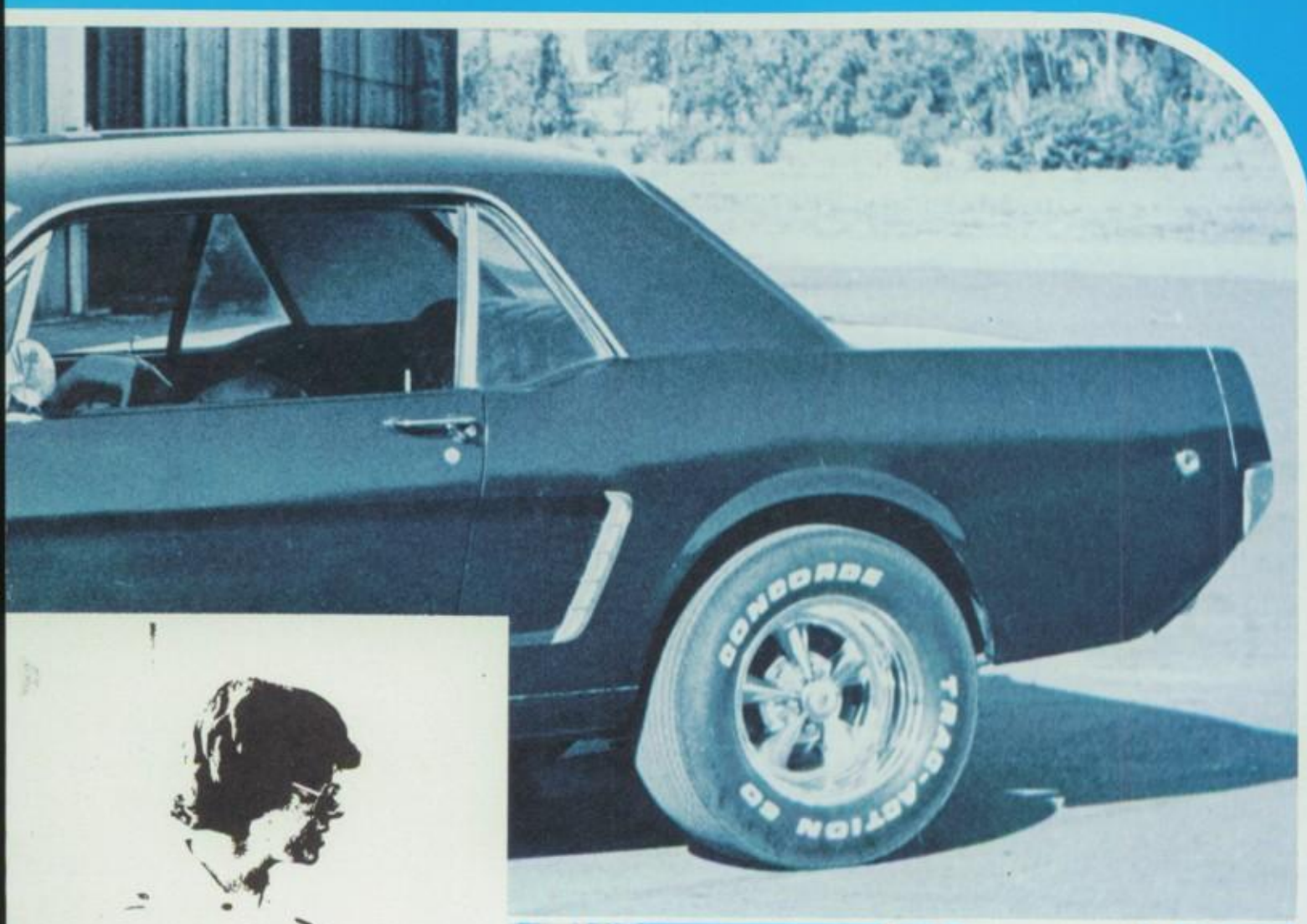
Being involved in activities means a lot to each person. Cheering the team at a football game and then going to a pizza parlor to celebrate the victory or make the heartbroken happy is an important part of weekend activities in the fall.

Off-campus activities include hotdogging it at the skateboard park or playing the TV pong game with a friend. Sitting and watching the future coming at you at a movie, 'cruising' McHenry in your 'rod', catching up on the latest gossip, or living it up at an after-game dance are other favorites. MHS students have all found different ways of occupying their time. The kinds of activities they take part in represent another way of revealing just who they are.

activities

Above Right: Jeff Woodbridge gently polishes his Mustang after taking it through the 5-minute car wash.
Left Center: Enacting the famous 'Roots' character Kizzy, Sabrina Washington performs a scene which contributed to her qualifying as a finalist in a national pageant.
Center: Inter-High Rep. to the School Board Curtis Denham reacts amazedly upon hearing the suggestions given to him by band members for that night's Board Meeting.
Right Center: Mike Martin and Alan Bertozzi question the irregular preterit forms in Spanish 3.
Far Lower Right: Enjoying the outdoors, Tami Hastie and Danny May take their horses for a ride by the river.
Lower Center: Beating the heat of the afternoon, Donnie Wilson, Sandy O'Dell, Ted Lyles, Mary Bilich and Rod Wright cool off in Suzanne Fisher's pool.
Below: Mr. Rocha and Mr. Shuman explain details of the room-to-room student body package sale to Anita Velo, Mike Alvarado, Rod Wright, Clifford Ball, Lanny Nelson, and Steve Bertozzi.

the life

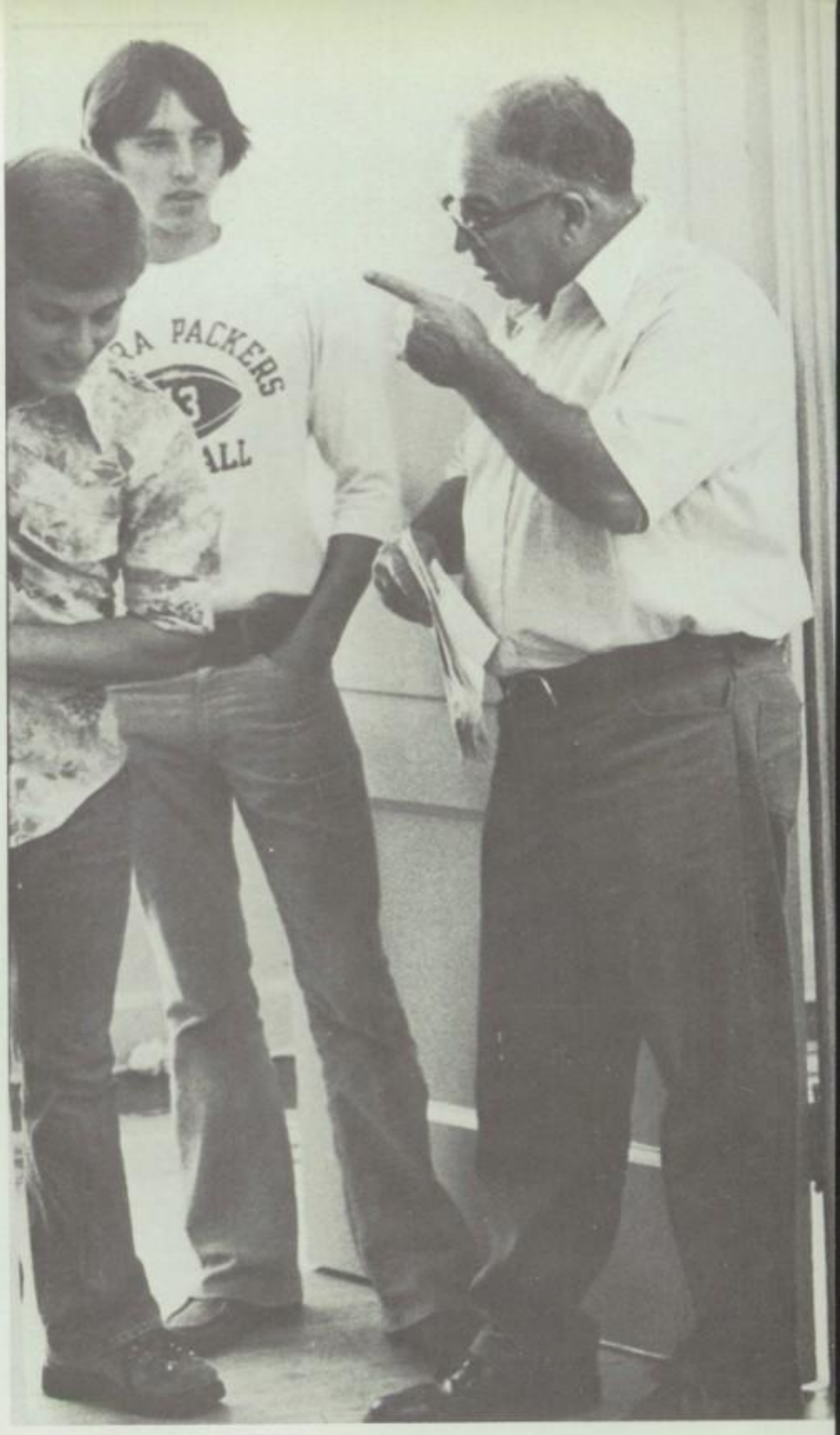


Responsibility became an important watchword as the entire District began implementing the 'Fourth R.' Detentions were re-instituted and a student guide of rights and responsibilities was published.

Outside activities help to fulfill needs which the school cannot. Free time is usually spent finding ways to unwind. Going to a friends' house or working alone to improve a special talent are rewarding ways to relax. It helps to develop the social part of life so necessary to learning compatability with others.

Entertainment of many kinds, from TV to rock music to movies to concerts, is a popular form of relaxation.

Cars, clothes, and nick-nacks comprise the materialism which seems to be a big factor in most teens' lives. The guy with the most chrome or the largest engine in his truck is the envy of his peers.



Above: Strumming a favorite tune, Bryan Craig is pleased with his own musical talents while Vince Pimentel listens appreciatively.
Upper Center: Mr. Lacoste becomes annoyed when he finds out that Clarence Abid and Clifford Ball won't let him borrow Clarence's jeep to go hunting.
Far Upper Right: Always in a jovial mood, Philip Johnson gives his 'naive' look to the photographer.
Far Center Right: Rhett Calkins succumbs to boredom after a long day.
Far Lower Right: Linda Nevitt gets caught looking her natural self early in the morning.
Lower Center: A worried Jessica Potts concentrates on the upsetting varsity football game with Downey.
Right: Desi Angle 'goofs off' during a gymnastics meet.

Varied experiences encourage emotions, setting mood of Panther Life

Emotions vary with the passage of time. Desires often turn into frustrations; dreams have to be altered to fit the reality of everyday life.

We learn to react to situations by either expressing or hiding our feelings and moods. High school is the place for growing up, both physically and mentally, and the experience at Modesto High is no different than elsewhere.

We experienced all sorts of different feelings: disappointment at the loss of a game, happiness when victories were gained, boredom during monotonous classes, exhilaration upon achieving some personal accomplishment, pessimism at the apparent futility of our best efforts against overwhelming odds.

To have been a part of MHS in 1978 meant many things, reflected in the daily moods of its people: defeated, enthused, exalted, apathetic, excited, depressed, quiet, daydreaming, gossiping, indifferent, proud—all were a part of that intangible reality called Panther Life.

Individual styles contribute variety to each involved in Panther Life

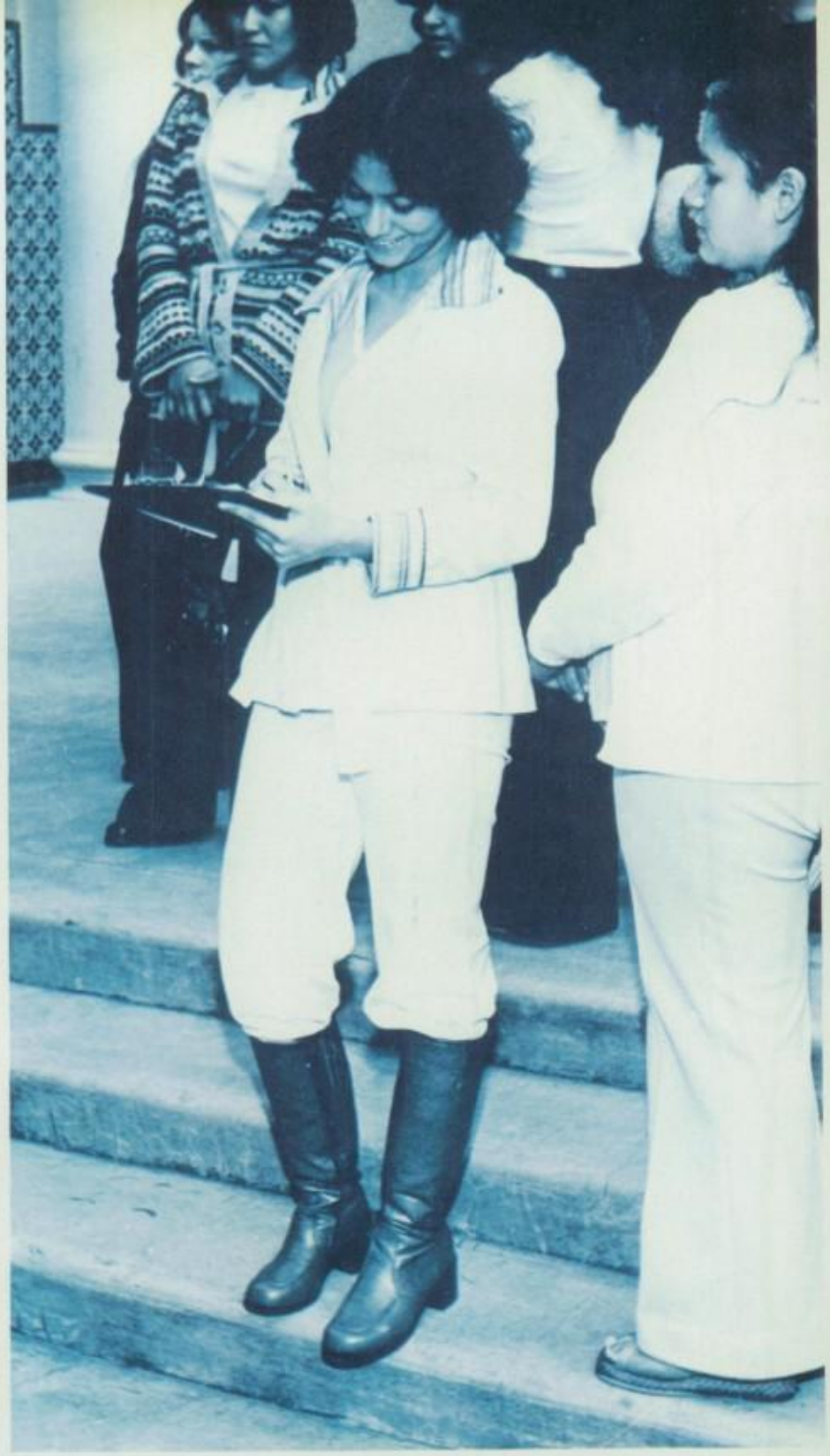
With many new styles of clothing becoming popular each year, Modesto High School students reflected their own particular ideas and preferences of what they believed to be fasionable. A variety of styles seemed suited to Panther Life, from gauchos and boots to down vests and all types of hats.

Cowl necks with fancy pins attached grew in popularity, while gauchos, last year's 'in' thing, had declined. But boots were still big, as girls wore them with almost anything.

Guys also wore boots, with Frye boots, cowboy boots, and hiking boots (formerly known as 'waffle stompers') often seen around campus on any given day. Hats grew in popularity, with Aggies seldom seen without a cowboy hat or mesh cap advertising one farm product or another. Many other kinds of hats were also worn, including Mr. Sherman's beret.

Pull-overs of all kinds were really in, along with T-shirts for both guys and girls which were printed in a seemingly endless variety of designs and slogans. For those who wanted something unique, a shop in town would print whatever words they wanted.

In support of the school, many students sported red jerseys with their class year and the word 'Modesto' on them. Band jackets and Block M jackets also helped to make Modesto's 'black and crimson' a common sight.



Above: Juan Fernandez expresses his own individuality with a narrow brimmed version of a ten gallon felt cowboy hat.
Upper Center: Luz Ramirez gets into style by wearing her pants tucked inside her boots.
Center right: With the trend toward curly or crimped, shorter hair, Kim Van Vliet is fortunate to have been born with naturally curly locks.
Right: The spirit of Panther Life is accepted right from the beginning as freshman Doug Wheeler flaunts his Class of 81 jersey.

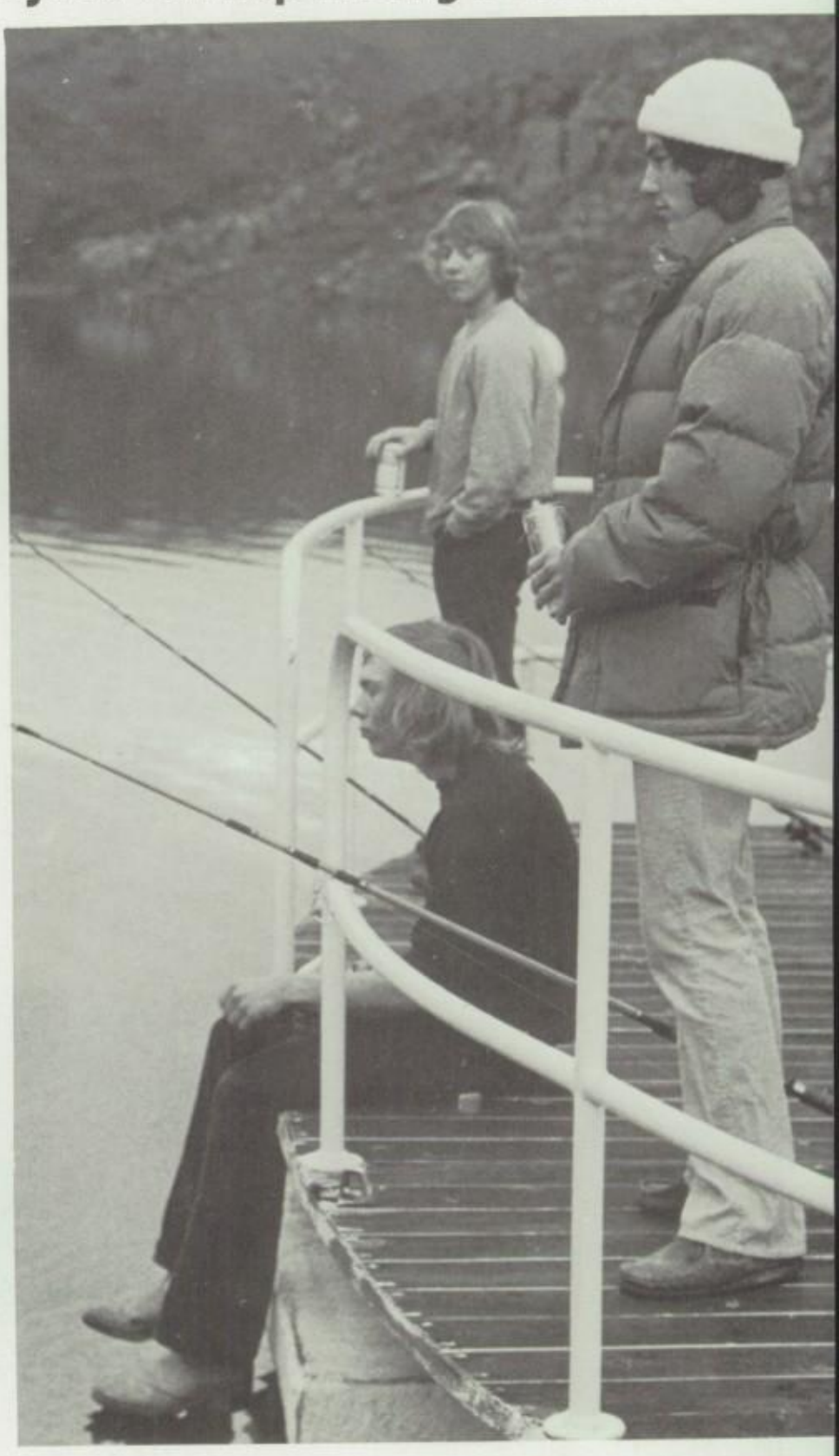
Center Left: In a pair of faded patchwork jeans and dress shirt, Noe Vento struts stylishly to class.
Left: Mr. James Sherman considers retaliation on the comments made regarding his red beret.
Below: A row of different styles of shoes reflect the diversity of tastes found in Panther Life.
Lower Right: The luxurious look of a stick pin on a cowl neck denotes an air of young womanhood.
Lower Left: Displaying the fact that almost anything goes, Tami Hastie and Gretchen Peek wear lacey peasant dresses accented by the footwear of their individual choice.

Good times, good friends are main objective in spending free time

For many Modesto High School students, leisure time activities meant anything from a casual game of backyard football on weekends to 'just messing around' on a Friday night. While students continued to have the choices of cruising McHenry, bowling, billiards, roller skating, playing miniature golf, or going to the show, the opening of four new cinemas at Vintage Faire and Roller King's new miniature golf course expanded the variety of locations to choose from.

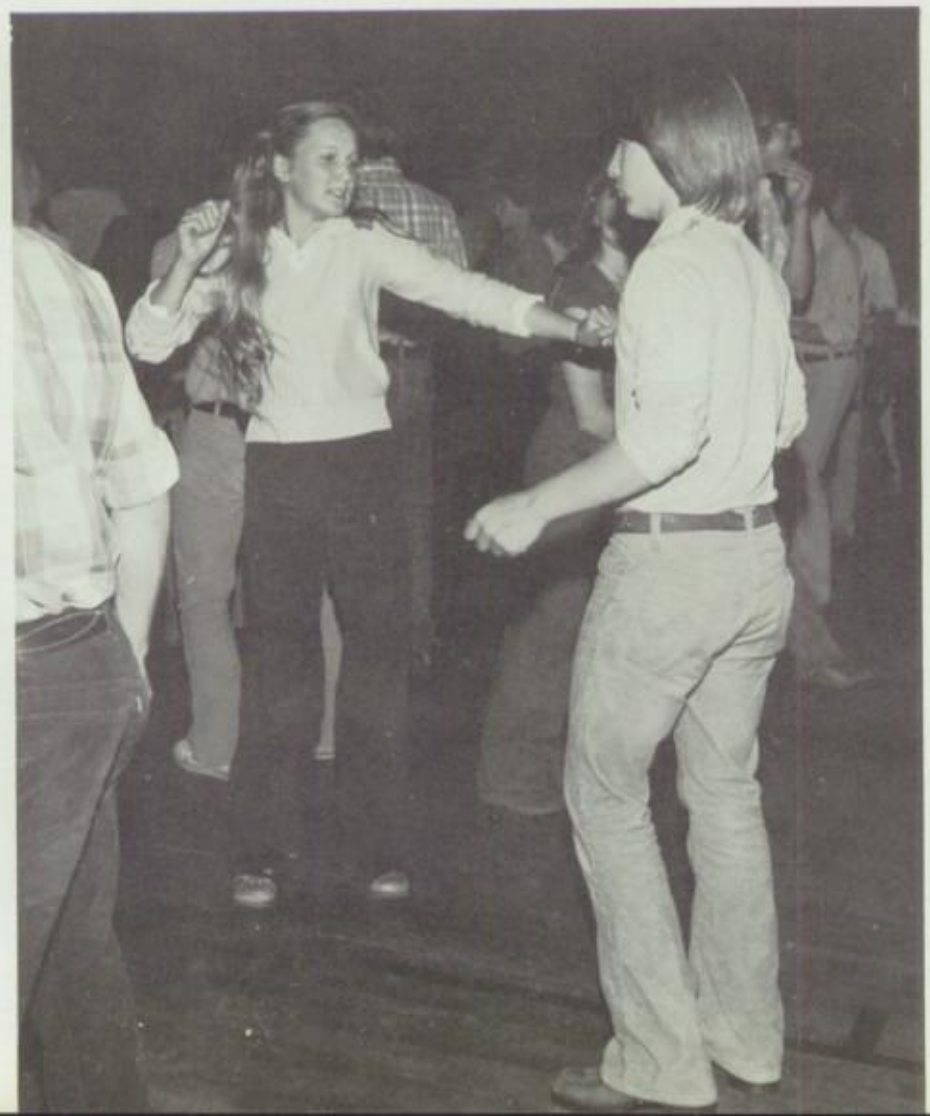
While some of the girls took advantage of their free time to model for the major department stores, guys used their afternoons to get the dirt bikes out and head for the jumps. Horseback riding, water and snow skiing, fishing, swimming, hiking, hunting, and camping were other out-of-doors recreational activities many students enjoyed. Slumber parties and bull sessions often included endless refrigerator raids and diet crazes, while marathon telephone sessions were common. But television remained the number one activity students turned to when there was nothing else to do.

'Getting together' for many meant 'partying,' a frequent and pleasurable opportunity to escape the pressures and worries of growing up and just 'have fun.' Ever-present rock, soul, or country music—played at oldster-annoying volume—accompanied almost every occasion. Games at home ranged from Monopoly to poker, often enhanced with '12-oz. liquid refreshment.' Whatever the group, whatever the occasion, wherever the location, the most important part of leisure time activities was getting together with friends and having a good time.



Above: Giving her the 'eye,' Suzanne Fisher, Sherri Ulloa, Steve Copobianco, and Kelly Bizzini patiently await Chris Nelson's discard in a thrilling game of Rummy.
Upper right: Charlie Sperry, Brett Meverden, and Clifford Ball anticipate catching something other than a 'buzz.'
Center Right: Curtis Escobar chuckles over his most recent move while Betty Shorter plots her own strategy.
Right: Expressing their feelings for each other, Steve Bonzi and Donna Loux take a break from their regular school routine.

Left: Slurping down a MacDonald's triple thick shake, Paula Morrow, Suzanne Porcella, Martha Ketchum, and Suzanne Fisher take leave from school for a quick lunch.
Below: Miguelta Sedillo practices intricate pillow designs in her needlecraft class.
Lower Right: Enjoying a game of billiards, Andy Klink exhibits a newly-found skill.
Lower Center: Carol Sherman and Richard Bell 'boogie' to the sounds of "Sugar Bare."
Lower Left: Manequin modeling became a popular type this year and Hi-Deb model Emma Vento takes time out for a quick picture.
Center Left: Amazingly enough, Robin Barnhill sleeps peacefully despite the loud discussion in Masterpieces class.



MHS students search for economical transportation, find difficulty gaining

From foot power to four-wheeling to using your thumb as a means of transportation, students searched for more economical methods of arriving at school on time as they helplessly watched gas prices continue to climb out of sight for most of those who drove to school.

The 'Big Yellow Taxi' regained some of its lost popularity and many students utilized their only means of travel, walking. Bike fanatics, riding in freezing cold or blazing their ways through fog, managed to make it as bicycles and motorcycles became even more popular.

City buses, kind-hearted friends, and long-suffering parents also provided transportation from a multitude of locations in the community, as energy-crunched Panthers endured the morning trek.

Searching for part-time jobs became a major effort for many MHS students. Even with a decline in unemployment, finding a job was still a job in itself.

As some students looked for long-term careers, most of them were hoping for a way to put change in their pockets and gas in the car. From gas stations to car washes to junior shops, whatever their objectives, most energetic searchers were successful in locating some form of employment.

The Career Center found many jobs for students through various work experience programs, whereby students could discover which type of work they liked best. Regional Ocupational Programs in such areas as Police Science, Medical Assistant, Food service, Building Construction, and Journalism have led many students to employment opportunities in the community.

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Far Upper Left: After a hard day's work, students rush to get on the bus that will take them nearest home.
Left: While many students drive gas-guzzling vehicles, Jeff Klink steers his Mo-Ped which is easy on fuel and fun to ride.
Below: While jobs become harder to find, Paula Tanner maintains her employment at Baskin-Robbins.
Center: With gas prices out of sight, Larry Young keeps the bill within his budget by riding a motorcycle to school.
Far Lower Right: Jean Rosa and Susan Connel utilize a very practical means of transportation to get to and from their destination.
Lower Center Right: Working for the money to enjoy both luxuries and necessities, Clarence Abid assists a customer at Save Mart.
Lower Center Left: As the final bell of the day rings, Marty Usiak hops in his sports car for an exciting ride home.
Far Lower Left: 'Thumbing it' sometimes becomes the final resort for getting to one's destination.

Below, Analecta Staff, Front Row: Kelly Santos, Laura Cortez, Mike Hatter. **Back Row:** Mr. Autry, Hollie Skinner, Kara Bentsen, Derek Shuman.

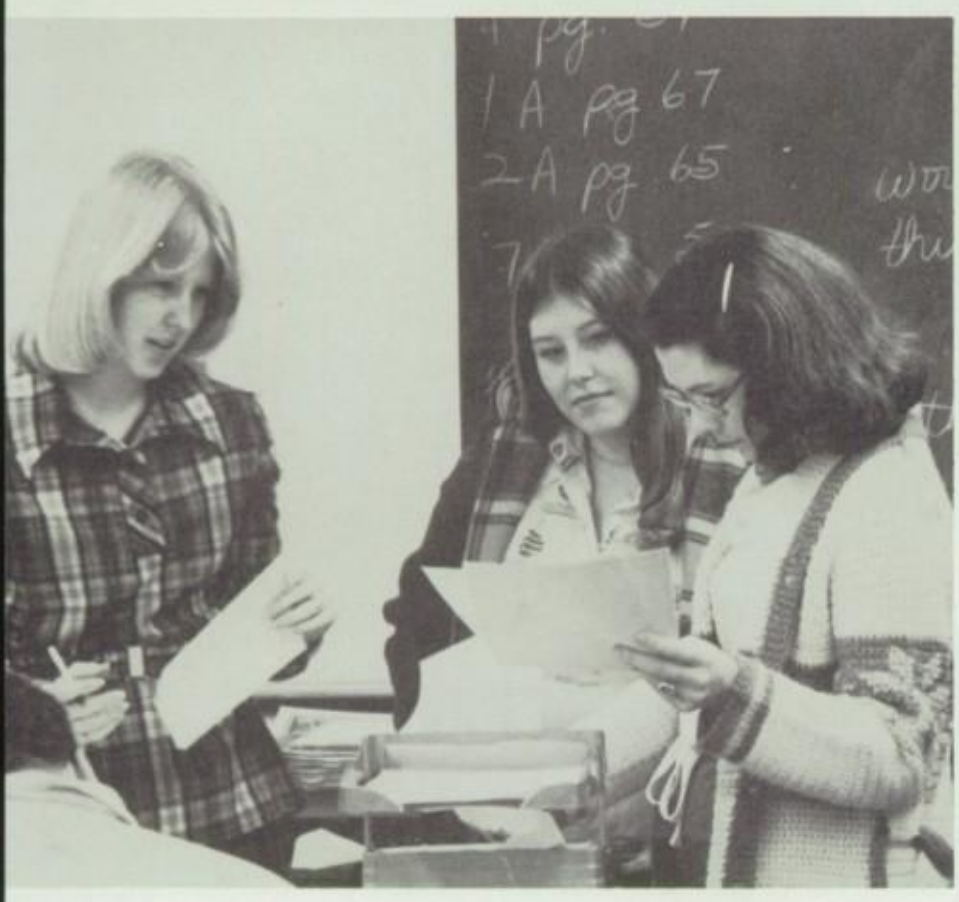
Upper Left: Concentrating on perfection, Mike Hatter completes one of his many artistic creations.
Above: Advisor Jim Autry, Derrick Shuman, and Kara Bentsen sift through newly submitted material for the **Analecta.**
Center: With superior journalistic skills, Hollie Skinner and Kara Bentsen select the 'perfect' poems for **Analecta.**
Center Right: Brian Miller double-checks the front page layout before paste-ups.
Right: Teaching Brian Lacy how to run the editing terminal, Hollie Skinner explains the reason for beginning and ending each code with a super shift.

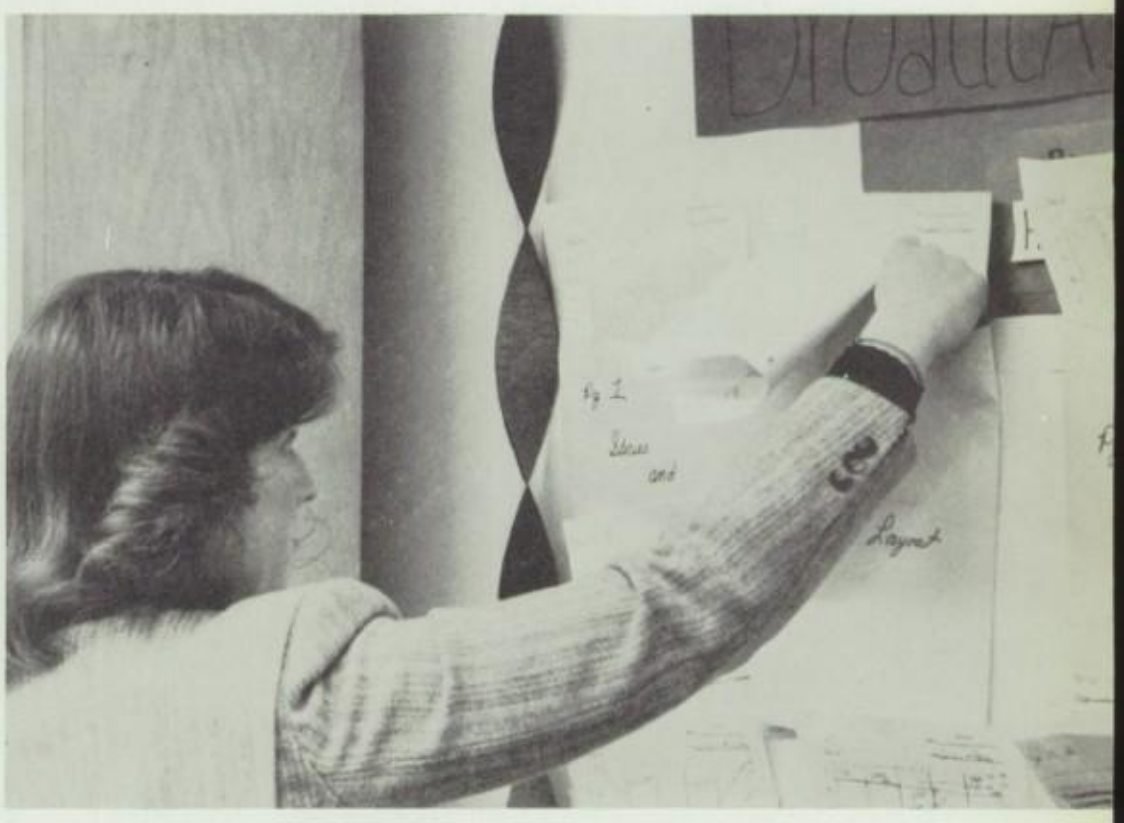
Broadcast staff has difficulties; Analecta publishes works of art

New advisor Bertha West faced many problems with the school newspaper, the **Broadcast**. Early in the fall the priviledge of using the ROP Media Center in Ceres was threatened, because not enough staff members were enrolled in the ROP class. In addition, some staff members could not meet production deadlines, which led to issues of the **Broadcast** occasionally containing large blank spaces or notes explaining the situation, or not being published at all. A third problem occured early in the school year, when issues of the newspaper were found littered all over campus on distribution days.

With the journalism department's acquisition of a pair of computer typesetting machines, the **Broadcast** staff was able to do a much larger amount of preliminary work at school instead of relying on the equipment at the Media Center. Associate editor Jill Meadows "clamped down" on slow or lazy reporters who otherwise would turn in late stories or none at all. And the staff began charging a nickel per copy to students who wanted to read the **Broadcast** in an effective attempt to cut down the litter problem.

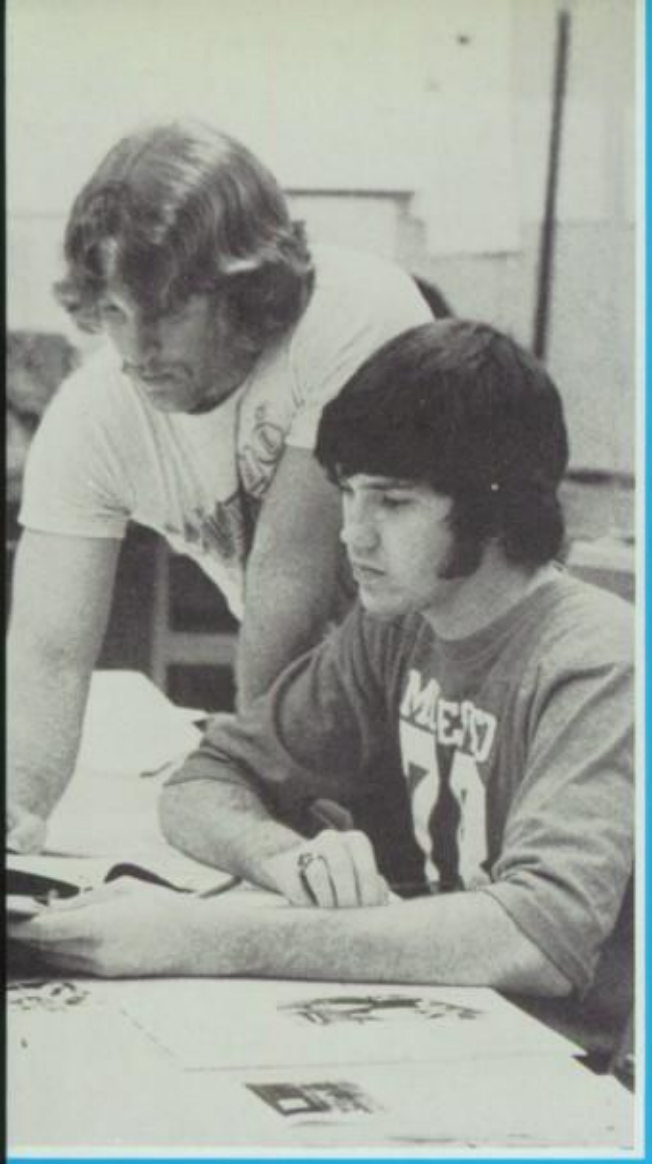
Although small in number, the **Analecta** staff assembled a literary magazine containing many works of art composed by MHS students. Using the new typesetting equipment helped improve the visual quality of the stories and poems.



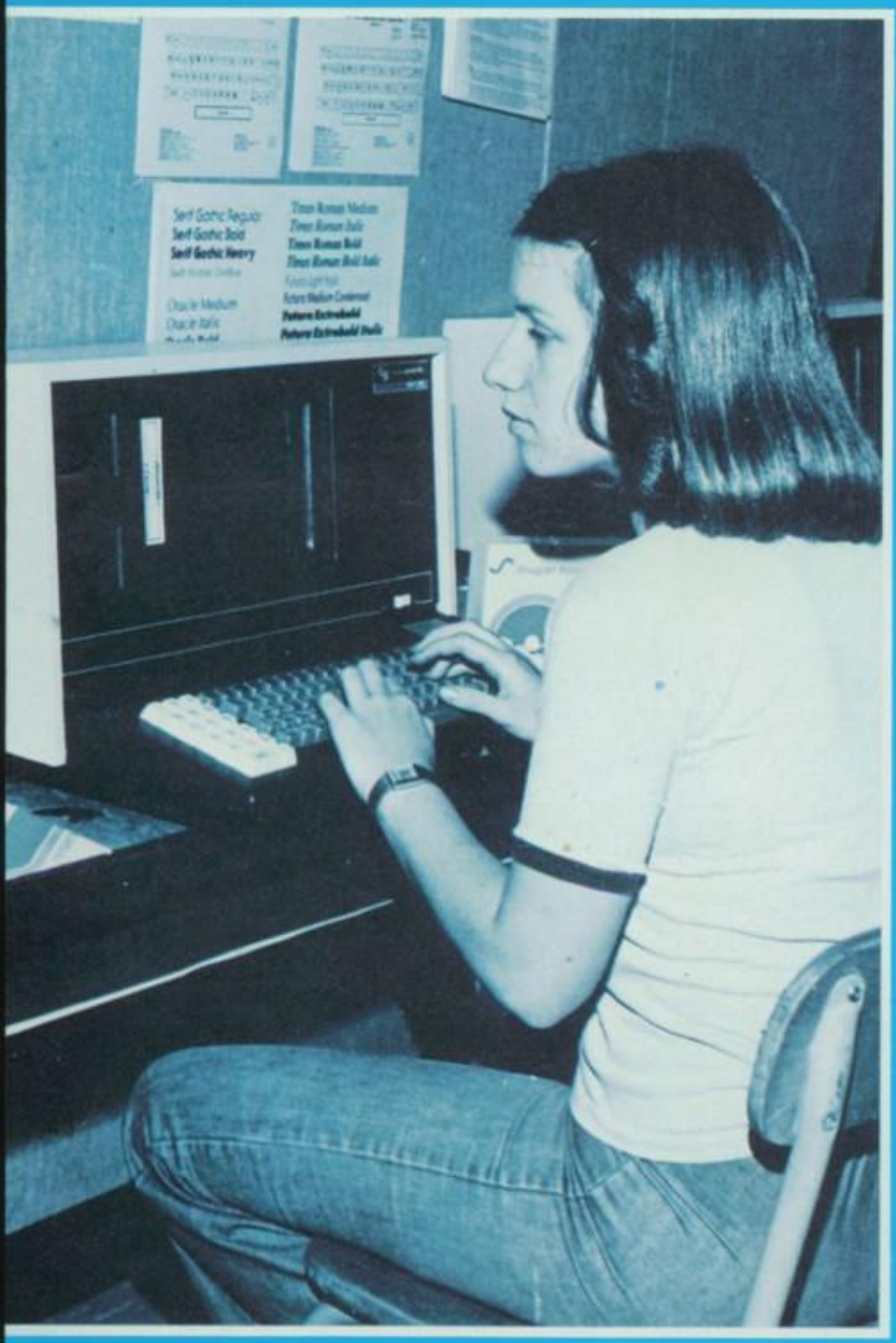


Upper Left, Broadcast Staff, Left Side: Laura Cortez, Brian Lacy, Linda Nevitt, Sandy Sanchez, Nathan Bettencourt, Hollie Skinner, Suzanne Fisher, Kenny Olson. **Center:** Jill Meadows, Mrs. West, Sue Van Duyn, Brian Miller, Gretchen Peek. **Right Side:** Robin Barnhill, Lisa Bentley, Susan Alonzo, Karen Maxfield, Steve Potts, Randy Anderson, Robert Merenda.
Above: Associate editor, Jill Meadows, posts the page 2 Express layout for the **Broadcast.**
Left: Advisor Bertha West, Karen Maxfield, and Linda Vallin go over last minute details on the stories before production.

Above, Sycamore Staff, Front Row: Advisor James Shuman, Clarence Abid, Jovel Lozada, Lanny Nelson, Robin Barnhill, Sandy Sanchez, Russel Lusk, Clifford Ball, Mike McCombs. **Second Row:** Derek Shuman, Robert Ramirez, Suzanne Fisher, Candy Bellew, Rhett Calkins, Mike Hatter, Jeff Klink, Randy Anderson. **Third Row:** Greg Bauer, John Wilson, Brian Miller, Paula Marrow, Linda Nevitt, Betty Beasley, Mike Alvarado, Mark Tanner, Steve Rocha, Anthony Martinez, Nathan Bettencourt. **Fourth Row:** Rod Wright, Chris Santos, Sue Van Duyn, Anita Velo, Manuela Dias, Philip Johnson. **In Tree:** Marty Usiak, Bret Meverden, Anita Menghetti, Rocky Vinnedge, Ron Jackson, Charlie Sperry, Steve Bertozzi.



Left: Sycamore Co-editors Phil Johnson and Steve Rocha decide on pictures to fit a layout
Below: Rhett Calkins focuses his camera before snapping a picture for the yearbook
Lower Right: Sycamore advisor James Shuman helps Rod Wright construct his page as Manuela Dias writes yearbook copy
Lower Left: Co-editor Linda Nevitt types photo idents with one of the newly purchased typesetting machines.



1978 Sycamore produced by Shuman and dedicated few

Following the tradition of producing excellent yearbooks at MHS, the 1978 **Sycamore** staff attempted to make this year's the best ever. Members of the staff were chosen during May and June of the previous year, as advisor James Shuman and last year's staff "screened" applicants on the basis of their academic reputation, journalism abilities, and willingness to assume responsibility. Instead of the usual one editor, three were chosen: Phil Johnson, Linda Nevitt, and Steve Rocha.

Voluntarily meeting during the summer, staff members discussed plans and ideas for their yearbook. After a great deal of imaginative thinking, the group decided to build the 1978 **Sycamore** around the theme "Panther Life: what's it all about?" Planning as much as possible in advance, they left many pages to be filled with the spontaneous 'candids' which happen throughout the year.

The staff, which numbered over 35, virtually fell apart as most members shed their responsibilities in favor of other interests. Apparently not dedicated to the ideal of producing an All-American Yearbook, many staff members neglected their assignments and failed to meet their deadlines. More and more the job of preparing pages for publication fell to the editors and a group of about a dozen dedicated students. Despite frequent lectures from Mr. Shuman and the publisher's representatives, the staff remained unmotivated to meet dead lines with quality material.

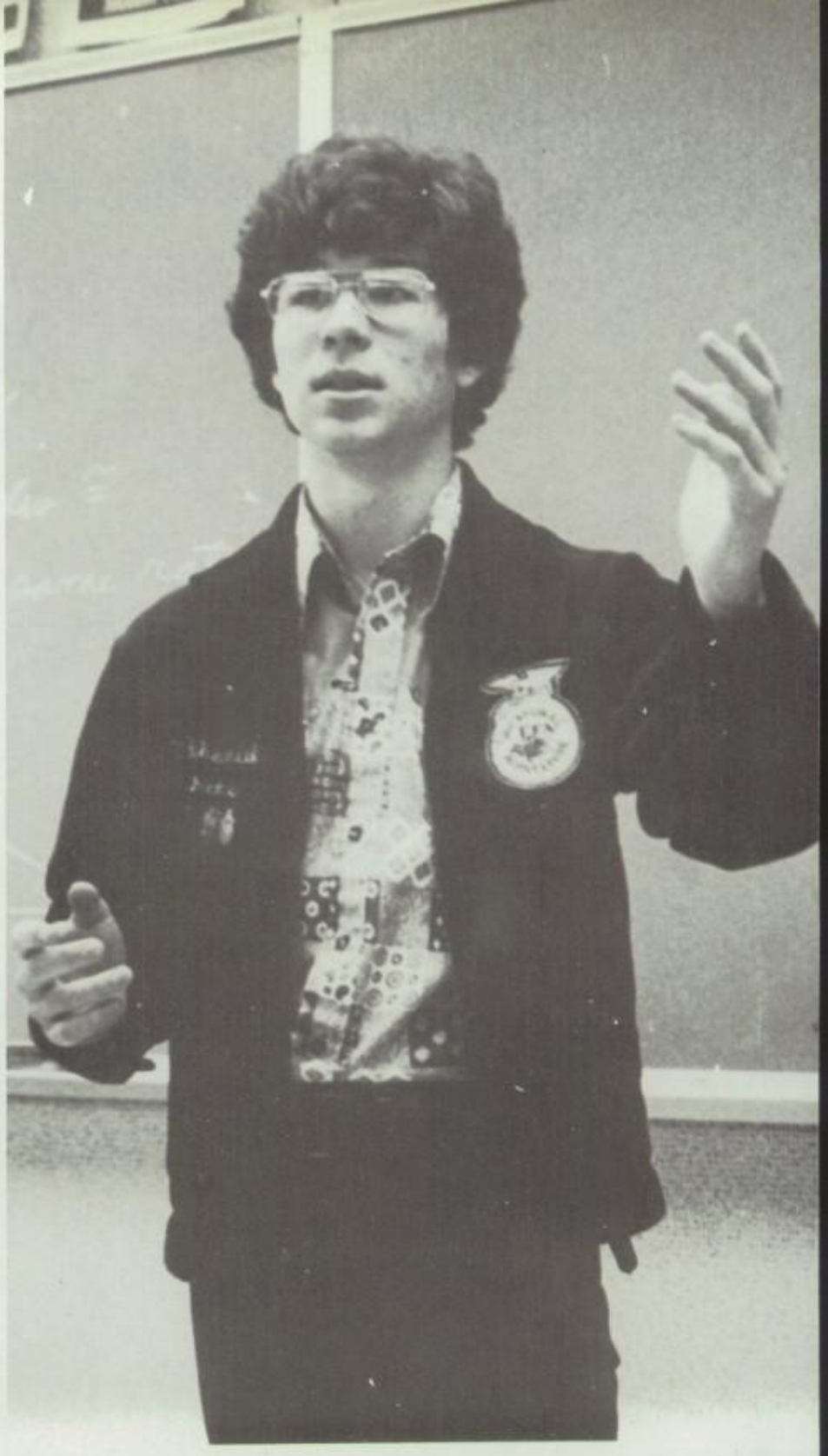
The 'heart and soul' group, especially Shuman, spent sleepless nights trying to "catch up" on the yearbook in addition to keeping up with other school activities. In the end, however, the group was rewarded for its effort, as the project they had so cheerfully planned and painfully produced became a glorious reality.

Proof of learning in English; speech team small yet successful

From journalism to speech, composition to drama, language lab to mini course, Modesto High School students found a wide range of courses available in the English Department.

Chairman Ken Williams welcomed Mr. Tony Pruit as a Title I instructor and the return of Mrs. Barbara Quinn after a one-year leave. Mrs. Bertha West received the newspaper staff assignment, and the four photojournalism classes were included as electives.

Recent controversy over the quality of instruction in reading/writing skills has led the English Department to employ a test of basic skills given to entering students and again before graduation. Said Mr. Williams, "Now we will have evidence of whether students are getting anything out of high school English courses." MHS seniors have been scoring well above expectancies on the state achievement test in reading and written expression, and Williams is confident 1978's seniors will have done even better when results are announced in August.



Upper Right: In preparation for the next tournament Nathaniel White practices an impromptu speech.
Above: Speech coach Rodney Owen and NFL chapter president Linda Vallin make arrangements for the upcoming Talk-a-thon.

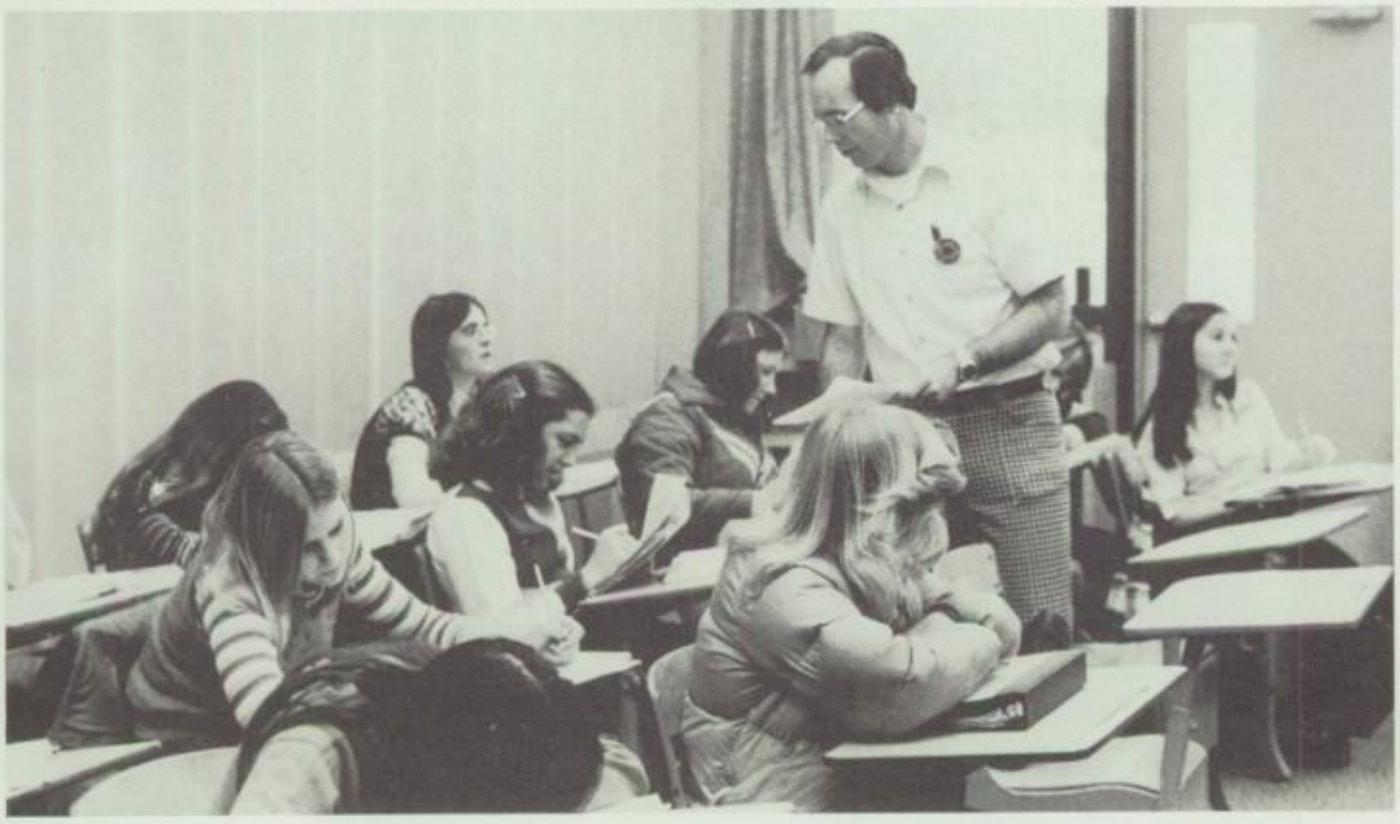
Right, NFL, First Row: Lois Hunnicutt, Chris Nelson, Martha Ketchum, Dell Lopez, Joe Schoonover. **Second Row:** Linda Vallin, Jeff Klink, Lynn Moore, Kara Bentsen, Sabrena Reim. **Third Row:** Nathaniel White, Mr. Rodney Owen, Curtis Escobar, Mark Ketchum, Alan Bodiford, Chris Boday.

With unfailing determination speech coach Rodney Owen recruited new members into the MHS chapter of the National Forensics League, which began the year at its lowest enrollment in recent times and was in danger of losing its membership in the national organization.

Despite the small size, the MHS speech team competed in eight regular YFL tournaments at different high schools throughout the area; at two prestigious invitational tournaments, one at the University of San Francisco and the other at UC Berkeley; at five state and national qualification tournaments; and at several novice tourneys.

President Linda Vallin consistently placed high in dramatic interpretation, as did Dell Lopez in humorous and Nathaniel White in impromptu. White also won a $50 US Savings Bond in the Voice of Democracy contest.

Raising money for entry fees and transportation costs, members worked at football and basketball concessions and conducted their first-ever Speak-a-thon.



Far Upper Right: Language Lab students learn of the life of a truckdriver during a special session focusing on careers.
Center Left: Mr. Kenyon's fourth period English I class is discovered at an unusually busy moment.
Center Right: Mr. Amstutz gives Michele Hiler and Robert Ulloa some assistance in writing a review of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."
Above: Mrs. West, Mr. Kenyon, Mrs. Baker, and Mr. Owen congregate in the faculty lounge to escape the pressures of life which so many English teachers encounter.
Left: Rene Walker takes a preliminary look at her freshly-developed film as Crissy Bonales separates her negatives in photojournalism class.

Right: Mr. Jack Sample communicates the history of our United States to an attentive classroom audience.
Center Right: Mr. Don Adams delivers a forceful lecture to his World Geography class.
Lower Center: Mr. Manuel Gonsalves tells a new 'Portugee joke' to his seventh period class.
Below: Irma Martinez, Mr. Marvin Lundquist, and Jeanette Brown discuss the features of Russian terrain in World Geography.

Required social science classes extended to full year; AFS hosts Scandinavian for second year in a row

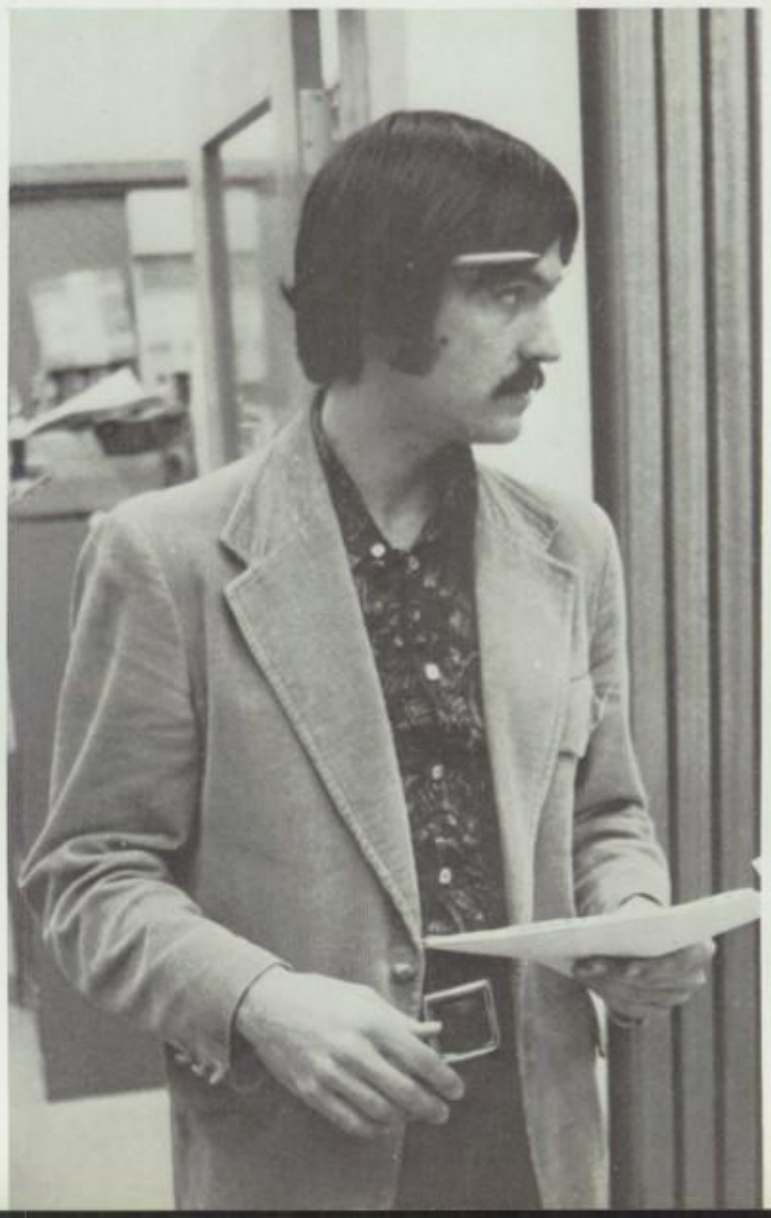
1978 marked a considerable improvement in students' understanding of the areas of social science generally taught at the high school level. In contrast with previous years, students were required to enroll in the same course for a full year rather than choosing an 'elective' in the spring semester. Freshmen continued with World Geography; juniors with American History; and seniors with Government in Action. The second semester of these previously one-semester courses emphasized the studies of sociology, international relations, and economics.

Advisor Andrea McGhee and president Paula Morrow led the AFS club (formerly the International club) in hosting exchange student Jenny Stenman from Sweden. The International Dinner held in December was the club's first major activity. Other events included participation in an exchange week in February, which involved another AFS student attending MHS for one week while Jenny did the same at another school, and locating a home for the next year's exchange student.

Below, AFS, Front Row: Martha Ketchum, Gloria Catzalco. **Second Row:** Kara Bentsen, Betty Beasley, Suzanne Fisher, Christine Nelson. **Third Row:** Jenny Stenman, Suzanne Porcella, Lois Hunnicutt.

Top: Acting as baliff, Kelly bizzini swears in Mary Galhandro during a mock trial in Government class, while judge Bret Meverden watches approvingly.
Above: Foreign exchange student Jenny Stenman enjoys an International meal with friends Peggy Long, Chris Nelson, and Lois Hunnicutt.
Left: Robert Grayes hurries to finish a late geography assignment.

Right, Fall Student Council, Front: Chris Nelson, Edie Lau, John Bradford. **Middle:** Don Howell, Tom Payne,* Jeff Klink. **Top:** Mike Merenda, John Laude.



Fall Student Council provides beneficial leadership through teamwork

A workshop conducted by Celeste Brown and the ombud-staff in which members of the fall student council participated was designed to improve their leadership qualities and help them to function together as a team. Overcoming some confusion early in the semester, the student government body "stuck together" in exercising their authority.

Mr. Pete Rocha assumed responsibilities as Director of Student Activities when Mr. Dave Laude suffered a heart attack in the summer. "Roach" made the transition a smooth one in continuing previous policies and advising the student council.

Three new programs were instituted by the council. The first of these was the promotion of a Student Body Package sale during Registration and the first two weeks of school. Combining purchases of a student body card, yearbook and four dance tickets for only $15, nearly 500 students took advantage of the offer.

Later in the fall the council established an anti-litter campaign, with offenders spending time in detention. Also instituted was a secret witness program whereby students could anonymously help to control in-school vandalism.

The council also sponsored a ping-pong tournament and two assemblies.

Enforcing a dormant policy, council members limited on-campus sales and solicitations to approved clubs which had demonstrated a need for fund-raising activities. Apples, candy, and miscellanous other items still were sold, but the confusion and conflicts were largely eliminated.

Left, Fall Commissioners, Front Row: Tammy Santos, Betty Beasley. **Center:** Karen Maxfield, Charlene Palmer, Peggy Long. **Top:** Suzanne Porcella, Paula Morrow.

Upper Center: Trying to organize the anti-litter committee, Jeff Klink consults with Tom Payne and Mike Merenda.
Above: John Laude, Mike Merenda and Don Howell listen to another 'short' speech by advisor, Mr. Rocha.
Center Left: Student Council Advisor Mr. Pete Rocha listens to a suggestion from a council member.
Far Left: Tammy Santos listens as Chris Nelson reads the minutes of the last meeting while Anita Menghetti looks on.

Spring Council plans fun, takes action to satisfy student body

Battling the seemingly inevitable second-semester apathy, Spring Student Council atempted to keep the Modesto High School student body united.

Although delayed in getting started for nearly a month due to the necessity for re-election of candidates, the Council, once officially in office, began immediate plans for activities. With encouragement from president Tom Payne, members initiated a noon-time recreation program which included a pinball and freethrow tournament as well as some free lunch-time concerts.

Fund-raising for a 'broke' student body, the Spring Student Council held a Pennies-in-the-Jar contest the week before Spring Vacation. The competition was held between the classes, counting each penny dropped into the respective jar as one point and taking away points for coins of all other face values. Students quickly realized it was easier to invalidate another class's efforts by dropping into the other jars a few quarters than by filling their own with pennies. The funds, of course, went to the student body.

Student Council also work ed to have the school exchange the rectangular 'prison-style' cafeteria tables for circular family type, and made arrangements for the construction of an information kiosk in the courtyard. Despite widespread indifference to most offered activities, Spring Student Council approved a new club called High Rollers, organized by a group of skateboard afficionados, under the sponsorship of Mr. Richard Finn.

With extremely limited funds available and the prospects even darker for the future, with apathy rampant and indifference widespread, Student Activities Director Dave Laude returned to do battle with the bureaucracy and special interest groups on behalf of the student body. Pushing for a realistic assessment of the SB financial picture, Mr. Laude urged Council members to re-evaluate their committments of funds as they planned the budget for 1978-79.

Spring Student Council, Front Row: Lois Hunnicutt, junior representative; Connie Jimenez, vice president. **Second Row:** Tom Payne, president; Sharon Lubeck, sophomore representative; Gloria Catzalco, business manager; Susie Campbell, secretary. **Back Row:** Mark Ketchum, freshman representative; Don Howell, senior representative.

Far Left: Student Council advisor Dave Laude carefully considers a controversial proposition.
Left: Publicity commissioners Diana Goncalves and Charlene Palmer listen as student body president Tom Payne introduces the first item on the agenda.
Below, Spring Commissioners, Front Row: Linda Nevitt, Rally; Lisa Bentley, elections; Robin Barnhill, dance; Chris Nelson, elections. **Back Row:** Charlene Palmer, publicity; Candi Bellew, Rally; Diana Goncalves, publicity.

Center Left: Secretary Susie Campbell records the minutes of the meeting as vice president Connie Jimenez waits to speak.
Above: Business manager Gloria Catzalco and freshman representative Mark Ketchum listen objectively to some opposing comments.
Left: Senior representative Don Howell motions that the meeting be adjourned immediately.
Far Left: Junior representative Lois Hunnicutt enjoys a laugh in the casual setting of the student body office.

Heritage clubs provide activities for their members

The Black Students Union was most active and popular President Klifton Anderson assumed a heavy leadership role as he organized weekend field trips and money-raising events to meet the club's expenses. The BSU held bake sales and a Halloween Raffle, and also sold chokers, and Jesse Jackson portraits. They performed the play **"Five on the Black Hand Side"** as a school assembly and also as a means to earn money during Black History Month. With the consent of advisor Vivian Hawkins the BSU planned a trip to the state conference and a concert in San Diego. The year was highlighted when BSU members saw the O'Jays performing live at the Circle Star Theater in Redwood City.

The Mexican American Students Association had the distinction of being the only club on campus to conduct meetings in a foreign language. Their involvement as a club began at the onset of the second semester when Jose Bautista was elected chairman of the Executive Committee of elected officers which included Anna Olivas, Isabel Genel, Marilu Lopez, and Carmen Bautista. This committee set the pace in planning for Cinco de Mayo, MASA's big event

Above, MASA, Front Row: Jonny Magana, Frances Rosales, Esther Rodriguez, Gloria Catzalco, MariLu Lopez, Miguel Sandoval, Juan Manuel Castillo, Arturo Peloyo. **Second Row:** Crissy Bonales, Martha Vera, Agueda Espinoza, Luz Elena Ramirez, Rebecca Sanchez, Rosi Martinez, Concepcion Rivera. **Third Row:** Dr. David Rancano, Soledad Rivera, Carol Reyes, Dolores Morales, Hipolito Hernandez, Pablo Astorga, Ana Luisa Rubio, Modesta Meza. **Fourth Row:** Isabel Genel, Dolores Espinoza, Roberto Vera, Eduardo Perez.

Right, BSU, Front Row: Ms. Vivian Hawkins, Klifton Anderson, Sabrina Washington, Sandra McClain, Joe Washington, Kathie Gullatt, Ms. Celeste Brown. **Second Row:** Sarah Bland, Bobbi Waters, Maisie Bell, Sharon Anderson, Carol Brown, Ricky Clipper. **Third Row:** Troy Wright, Lean Gullatt, Victor Coleman, Danny Clipper, Vanessa Allen.

every year. They also planned a Mexican Dinner and three dances to pay for costumes and props for the Cinco de Mayo assembly.

The American Indian Club consisted of students who were verified as American Indian descendants. It was estimated that about forty students on campus were eligible to join the AIC but the turnout was small. However, President Jill Meadows called meetings during every available activity period. A backpacking trip was organized in the fall in which members took part and Jill Meadows along with advisor Martha Knight also made arrangements for the club to visit an Indian Reservation in Oregon. Some members also took part in meeting with the area Apaches on Thursday nights where they made Indian costumes and jewelry, heard folk stories, and witnessed re-enactments of tribal dances and historical events.

Upper Left: Involved in a heavy English assignment, Clay Armstrong smiles at the opportunity to leave the world of deep concentration.
Upper Right: Virginia Dario, Director of Indian Education for Modesto City Schools, ponders the answer to an unusual question.
Above: Maria Cano participates in a group discussion as Angelia Plascencia yawns in boredom.
Left: David Villapudua diverts his attention away from the MASA meeting.
Far Left: BSU president Klifton Anderson and advisor Vivian Hawkins go over the script of their money-raising play.

Understanding of cultures abroad achieved through foreign languages

Whether they were foreign students in ESL classes or American students diligently studying foreign languages, personal contacts with other cultures and habits gave students new insights into the customs and lifestyles of people in a different country speaking a different language.

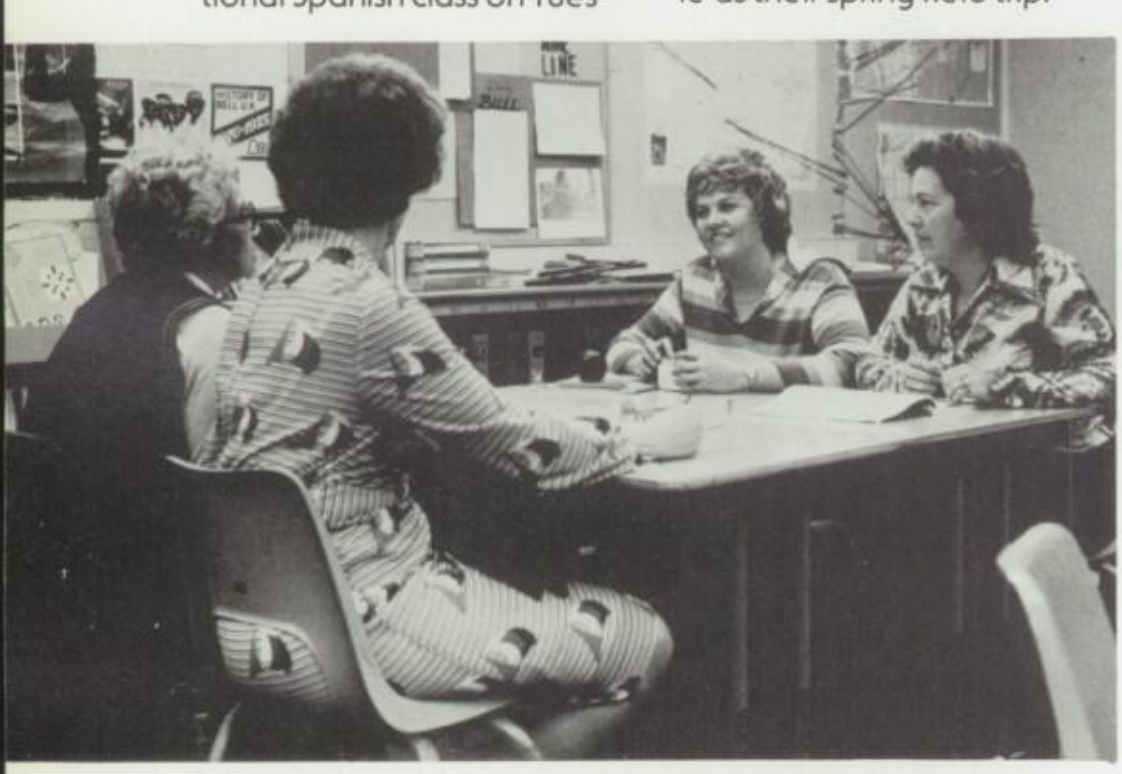
Spanish classes continued to attract the largest enrollment, but French and German enrollment broke the trend of recent years by holding steady rather than declining.

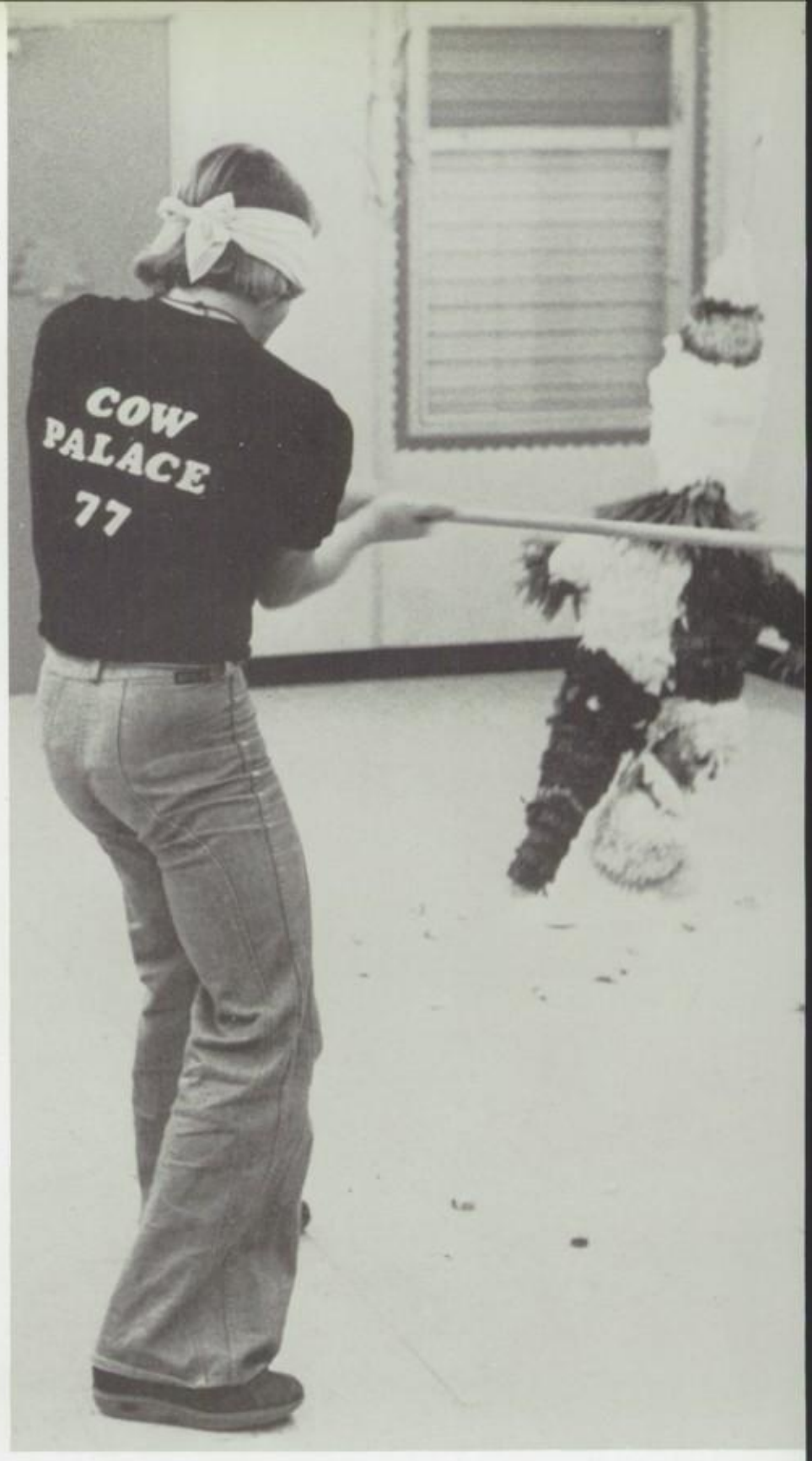
A new instructor took over the German class, and ESL took on greater meaning as the District conducted a 'home language' survey to make certain all eligible students were enrolled in the special program.

In the spring semester 24 teachers began a Conversational Spanish class on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in an effort to improve their own skills in the second-most-common language of the community.

Both the French and German Clubs offered a variety of activities for their members and guests. Joining forces with AFS to sponsor a Christmas International Dinner, they provided original entertainment and food from many different countries. The French Club held a pot-luck dinner in which members cooked French food themselves, and sold perfume, Spook-O-Grams at Halloween and Love-O-Grams on Valentine's Day. In the spring they chose as their field trip an outing to a French Restaurant for dinner.

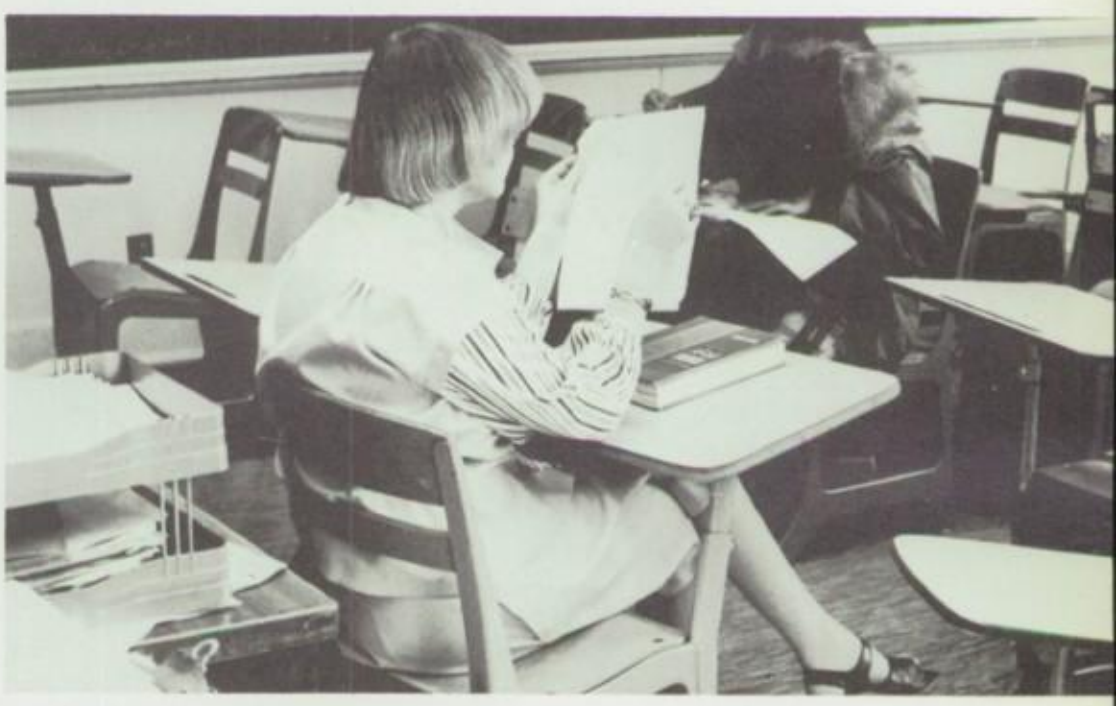
The German Club scheduled a Bavarian Restaurant and German language movie as their spring field trip.





Upper Left: After several unsuccessful attempts, Joe Schoonover takes a connecting swing at the International Dinner Pinata.
Center Right: Mrs. Maridale Smith explains the derivation of some modern English words from the German language.
Far Center Right: Mrs. Judy Remmers pauses while giving an oral lesson on conjugating verbs.
Far Right: Junior Dell Lopez comments on the delicious variety of foods eaten by different peoples of the world.
Right: Reassured that it's safe, Sandy Sanchez bites into a German tuna-wurst.
Above: Gloria McCoy, Jo Merchant, Darlene Meiselman, and Sharon Fujii practice new phrases with each other in their Conversational Spanish Class for staff members on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Left, French Club, Front Row: Xochitl Covarrubias, Cecil Wantland, Mauricio Vera, Maxine Wong, Phuong Kirby, Peggy Palmer. **Second Row:** Sabrena Reim, Greg Porcella, Dell Lopez, Joe Schoonover, Mrs. Judy Remmers, Pam White. **Third Row:** Diana Goncalves, Norma Arizon, Juan Vera, Charlene Palmer, Andrea Heersink.



Left, German Club, Front: Merete Hoy. **Second Row:** Ursula Spani, Debbie Stroud. **Third Row:** Bob Breazeale, Randy Mayfield. **Fourth Row:** Pamela Hathaway, Cyndi Ott.

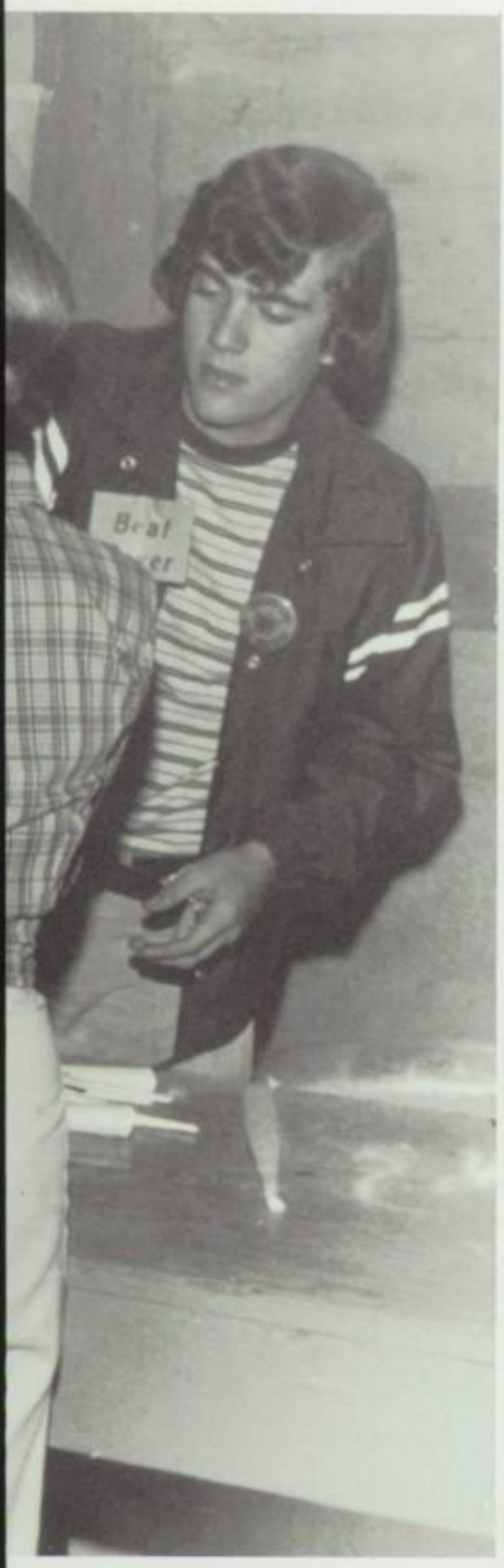
Business classes provide insight to world of real affairs

Offering courses in typing, shorthand, duplicating, bookkeeping, and business machines, the Business Department helped to equip students with skills used in the everyday world of business. The opportunity for beginning and advanced students to learn significant skills increased further as the ROP class, Reprographics, provided students with the chance to actually participate in business affairs and obtain knowledge in operating office equipment.

The model office class required students to assume the responsibility of using and caring for the equipment typical of a large office, complete with telephones, electric typewriters at secretarial-type desks, and a variety of duplicating machines.

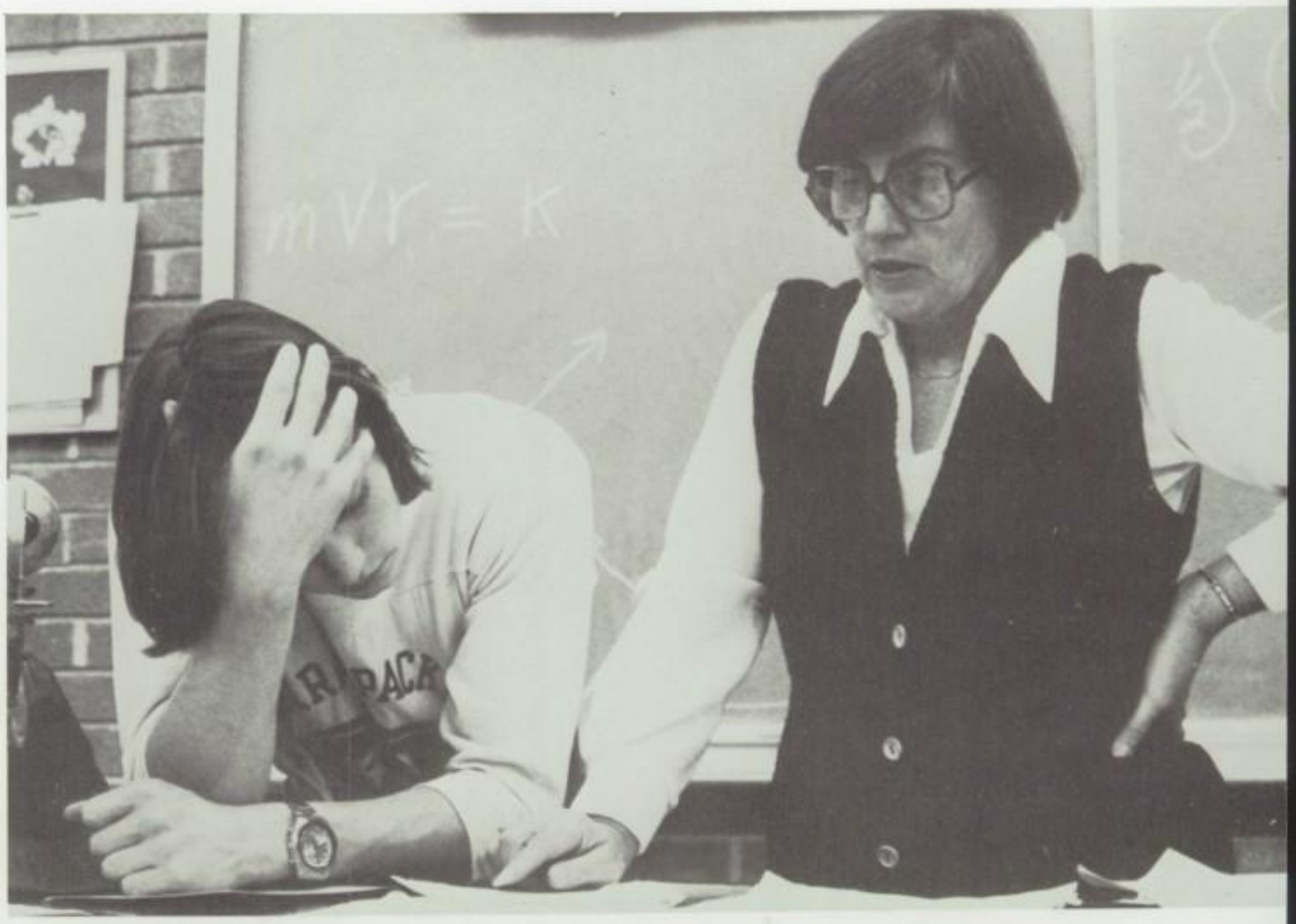
The Business Club assisted students who were interested in pursuing a career in business. With the help of advisor Mrs. Marilee Abercrombie, the club earned money by selling cotton candy at football games and M&M's on campus. Funds were allocated for scholarships for graduating business majors and a field trip to Marriott's Great America in the spring.

Above: Mr. McCaffery checks the sums calculated by Blanca Ramos during a business machines class.
Upper Center: Steve Potts helps the Business Club raise money by selling cotton candy at football games.
Lower Center: Mrs. Campbell explains to Ricky Clipper the reasons for the grade she presented to him.
Right: Emma Vento calculates for a bookkeeping assignment.



Left: Mary Martinez checks her timed writing for errors.
Below: During a dictation exercise, Diane Goncalves jots down shorthand notes.
Far Lower Right: John Laude grins gleefully at the thought that he has finally achieved 15 wpm in typing class.
Center Left: Carol Reyes re-reads her page of notes before beginning the tedious job of transcribing.

Above, Business Club, Front Row: Sheri Ulloa, John Bradford, Susan Alonzo, Tracy Swartz, Linda Goncalves. **Second Row:** Andy Klink, Karen Maxfield, Steve Potts, Linda Isoni, John Webb. **Third Row:** Diana Goncalves, Nancy Gay, Linda Vallin, Thomas O'Brien, Howard Durham. **Fourth Row:** Sandy O'Dell, Don Howell, Teri Powell, Jorge Hayes, Tony Lucas.

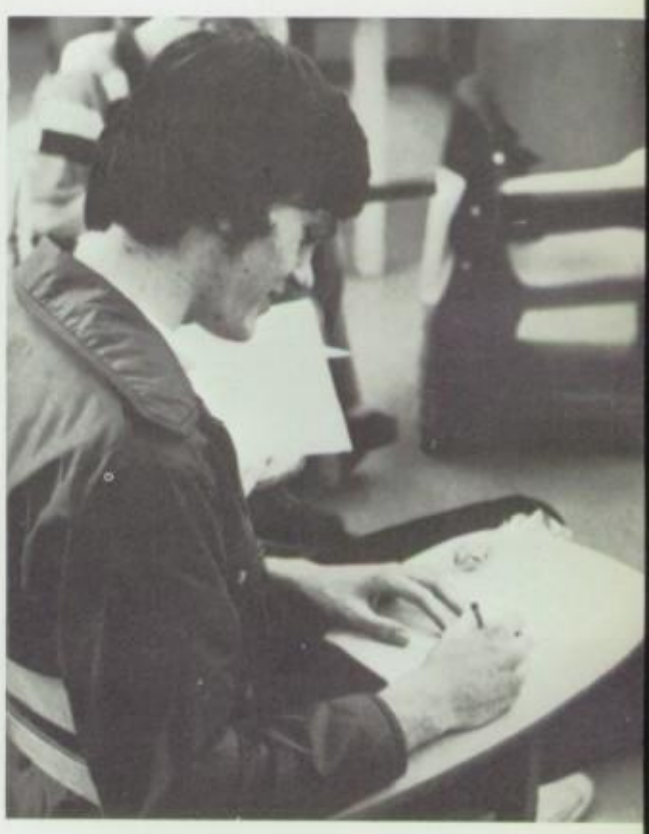


Right: Mrs. Stuhlman explains the steps of doing Integrals to Clifford Ball in Analysis.
Upper Center: Steve Sather takes advantage of an explanation by taking notes.
Far Upper Right: Dr. Rancano explaisn the process of elimination which reveals an answer to ESL student Ana Luisa Rubio.
Far Center Right: Evan Campbell releases a smile of relief as he obtains the correct answer.
Lower Right: Kelly Hoke copies the list of problems onto a piece of paper in Mr. Lacoste's Title I Math class.
Lower Left: Tom Payne and Jeff Klink work in partnership to derive an answer for a Maxima Area problem.
Below: Michael Hodge hurries to complete the problems assigned for the day.

Math classes promote logical reasoning; fun with Math Club

Preparing for and adminstering the math proficiency test, instructors employed modern methods of teaching and showed students how to apply math skills to problems of real life situations. Offering special help through Title I classes and basic math, the Math Department attempted to prepare students for the perplexing conditions of everyday life.

Algebra, geometry, calculus, analysis, and computer math were also available for students who chose to broaden their knowledge and prepare themselves for college. Dealing with problems and analyzing solutions, the objective of all math classes was to increase students' powers of reasoning and calculation.



Above, Math Club, Front Row: Bill Strohm, Mike Merenda, Cliff Ball, Deidre Bradford. **Second Row:** Chris Nelson, Martha Ketchum, Denise Sanford, Jeanette Stinnett, Curtis Escobar. **Third Row:** Chris Boday, Suzanne Porcella, Lois Hunnicutt, Robert Merenda, Alan Weststeyn. **Fourth Row:** Pamela Hathaway, Dell Lopez, Lynn Moore.

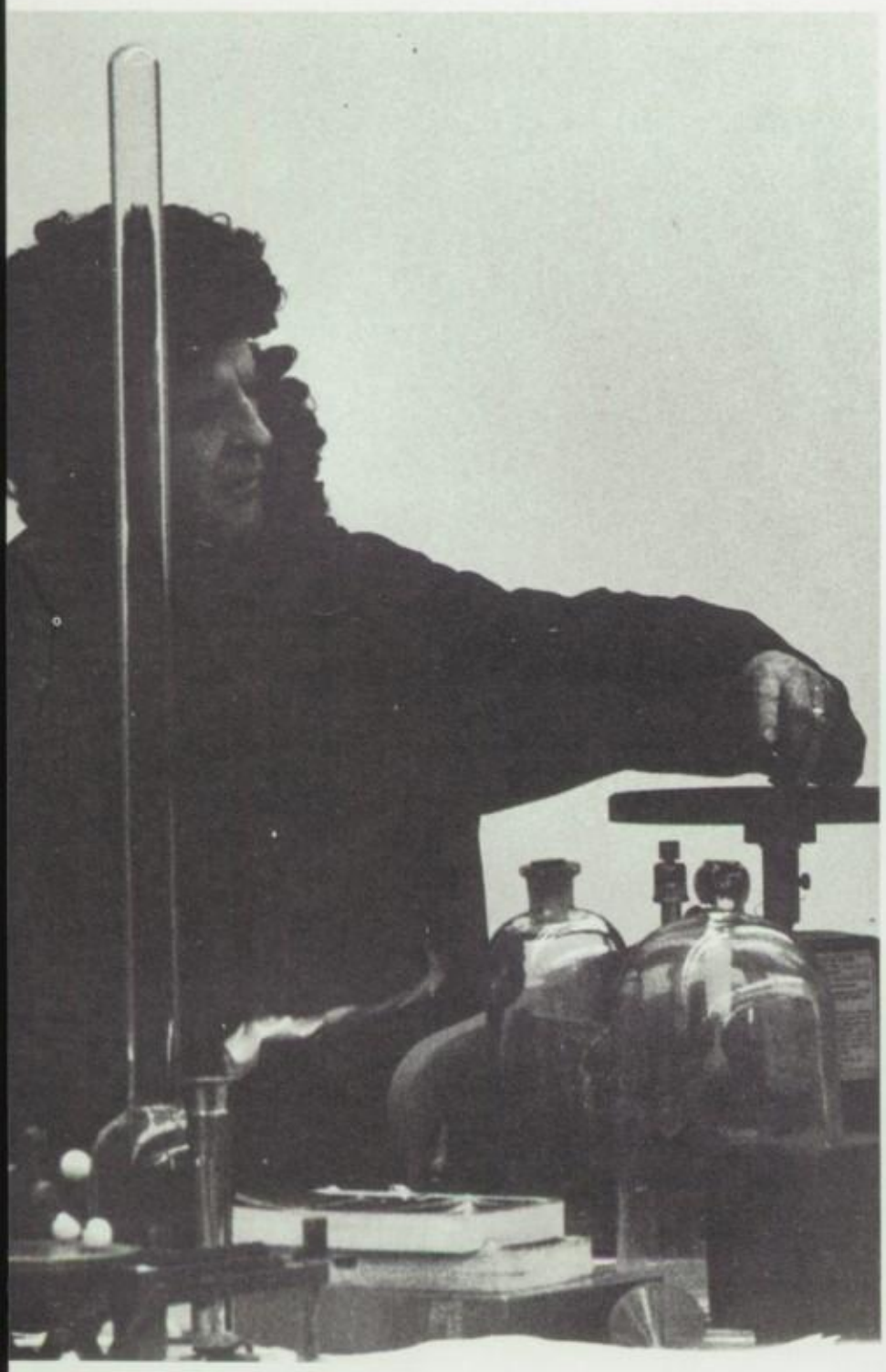
The Math Club provided opportunities for students who wished to expand their learning activities beyond the regular classroom experiences. Meetings included guest speakers, games, and work on complex math problems 'just for fun.' In its third year as an MHS organization, Math Club activities were planned and executed by the club members under the benevolent guidance of Mrs. Marge Stuhlman.

Historical guest speakers encourage scientific discovery; Chess Club endures disappointing season

Students learned self-discipline and careful concentration in experiments and lectures given by the teachers of health, life science, biology, chemistry, advanced biology, physics, and physical science. Students participated in a variety of activities including a candle contest in which they attempted to estimate how fast a candle burned and what weight it would possess at a given time.

Developing questions of inquiry, acquiring basic scientific principles and concepts, and comprehending scientific methods, students discovered many simple phenomena they had often overlooked before. Yet Science Department Chairman O'dell Scott was not satisfied, stating that he would like to see a mental competency test for all graduating students similar to those now planned in the areas of math and English. To encourage student interest and enliven many of the theoretical principles, Mr. Scott again invited famous 'guest lecturers' from the past (himself in disquise) to speak to his students. A practice begun several years ago, this approach has attracted much outside interest and Mr. Scott has been featured on Channel 13 and in the Modesto Bee.

Upper Right: Keith Gibson discovers the wonder of germs through a microscope.
Center: Clifford Ball brings the character of Johannes Kepler into the present through his Physics lecture to the class.
Right: Kathy Fernandez pours chemicals into a test tube with the help of Mrs. Fisher.
Above: Mr. Studebaker explains the molecular theory to an eager student.
Upper Left: Trying to complete her self-checks, Leanne Fox studies a difficult question.



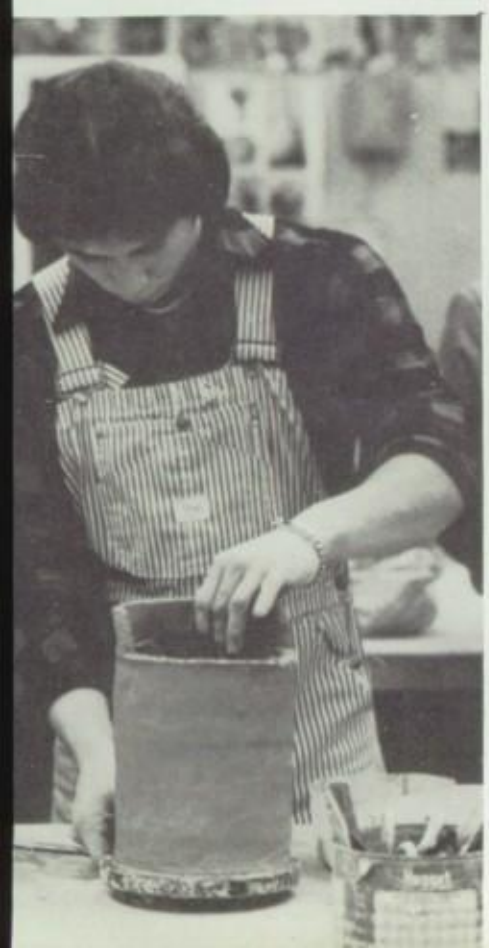
After experiencing a popular turnout and a successful season last year, the Chess Club, advised by Manuel Gonsalves, had only a few active members who attended meets regularly. The only victory this season came in a match against Turlock. The team conducted regular practice sessions during fifth periods in the fall semester. Jeff Klink, Chess Club president, stated, "It was a big disappointment this year after having achieved last season's success. If only we had had the experience and motivation of last year's players, we might have done better."

Mr. Ed Gonsalves attempted to incorporate a Cribbage Club into the Chess Club which would also take part in interscholastic competition, but other high schools in Modesto were not able to put together teams. Nonetheless, many MHS students gained interest in the game, and cribbage playing frequently dominated practice sessions.

Far Upper Left: Sir Robert Boyles (alias Mr. Scott) explains how pressure is formed with gas.
Above: Andy Klink pulls a straight flush as he and James Durham deviate from the noon-time game of cribbage.
Left: Michael Rangel ponders his next move as he and Miguel Arrizon battle for control of the chessboard.

Upper Right, Chess Club, Front Row: Tom Vallin, Robert Merenda, Lynn Moore. **Second Row:** Miguel Arrizon, Curtis Escobar, Michael Rangel, Mr. Manuel Gonsalves. **Third Row:** Andy Klink, Dell Lopez, Jeff Klink.

Right: Mr. Giovannoni coaches Esther Florez in the art of leathercraft.
Far Right: Mrs. Boteler inspects one of Javier Mendoza's 'masterpieces.'
Lower Right: With creativity and determination, Lloyd Sangster strives for perfection.
Lower Left: Arthur Rosenburg skillfully molds an old spoon into a beautiful bracelet.
Center: Rex Duke and Michael Sandoval joke over a drawing sketched by Mr. Cole.
Below: Combining work and pleasure, Carla Hunstable and Jorge Hayes finish their assignments in Mrs. Boteler's drawing and painting class.



Artists given choice between two or three dimensions in limitless means of aesthetic education

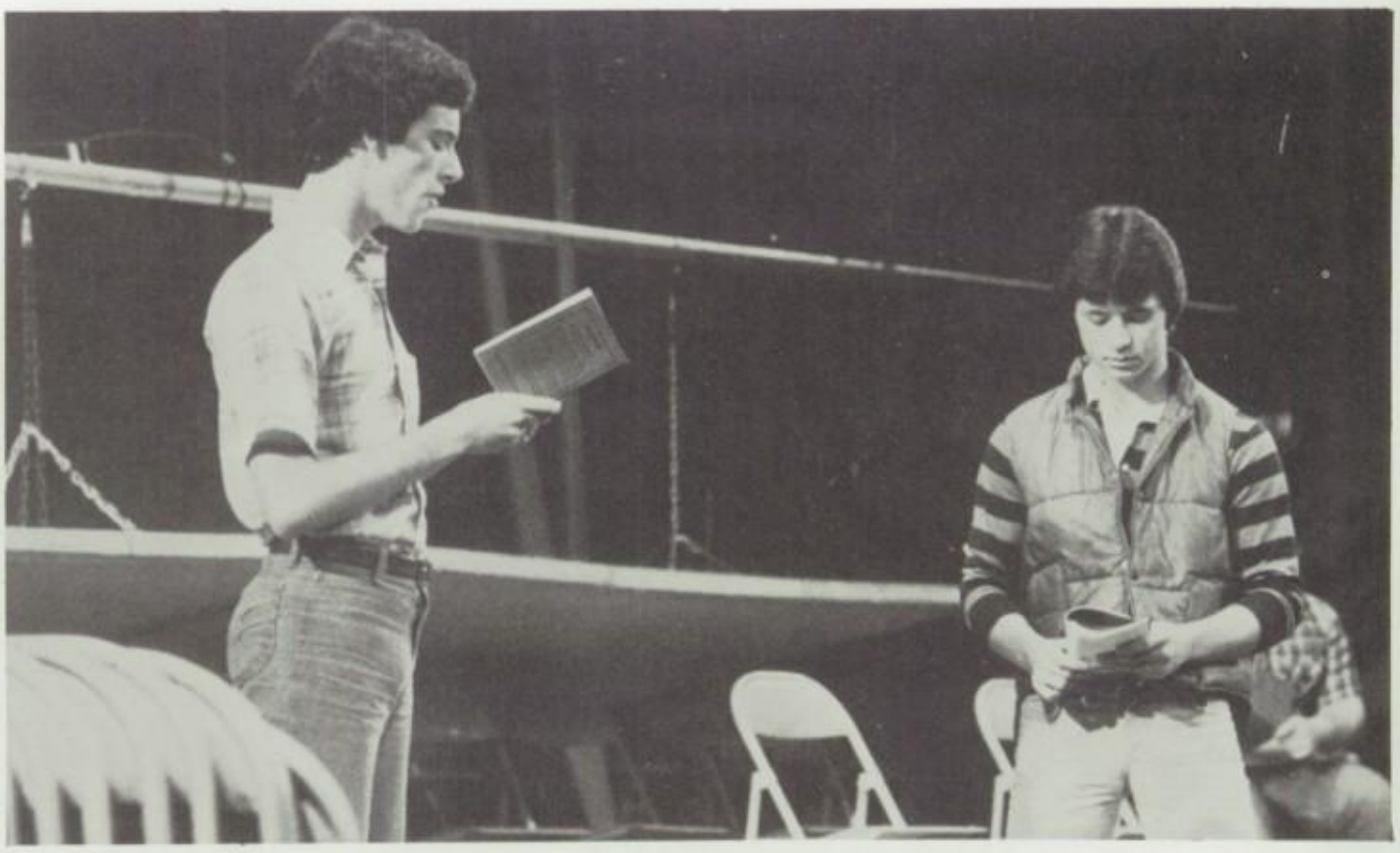
Among courses offered in creative construction by the Art Department are leathercraft, ceramics, sculpture and jewelry. These courses gave students the chance to make three-dimensional 'drawings' from clay, silver, wire, leather or other material. The creations ranged from the beautiful to the beautifully grotesque but each was the artist's own work of art.

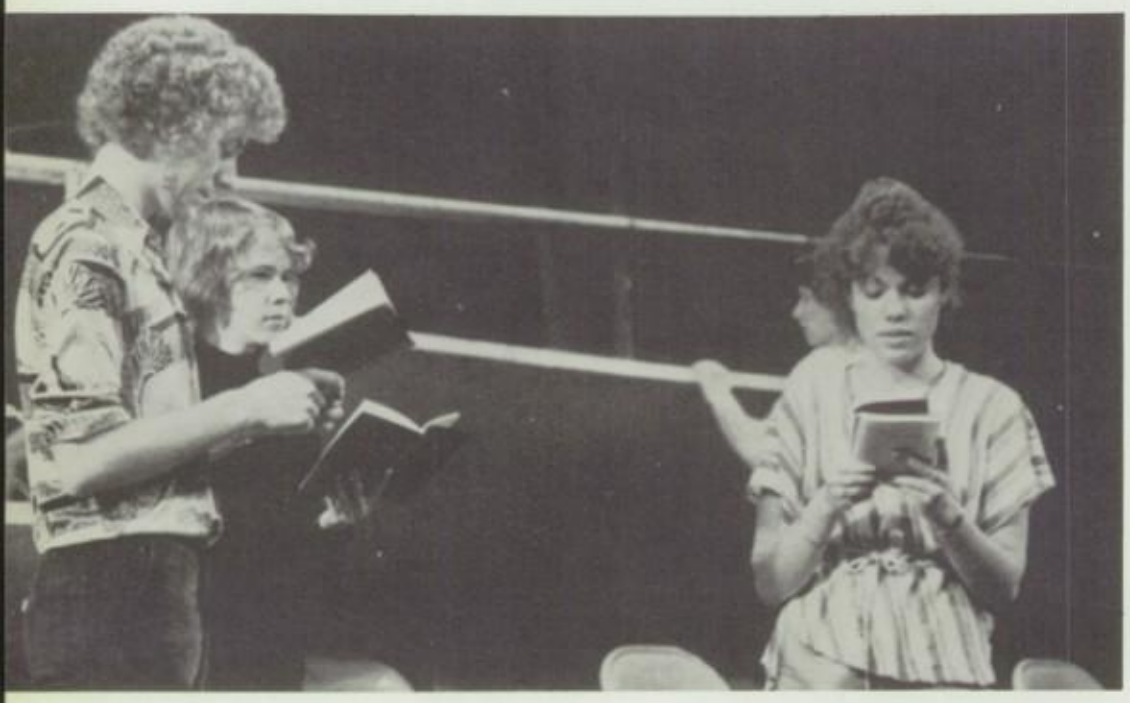
Other courses, art I, drawing and painting, and commercial art, provided two-dimensional experiences for students who prefer flat work. Art I prepared students for advanced classes, and drawing and painting gave students the opportunity to improve skills using a variety of drawing and painting materials. Commercial art offered instruction in airbrush painting, pinstriping, pen and ink work, and design concepts for those students planning a career in an art-related vocation.

Continuing to operate popcorn concessions at football games, the Art Club raised funds for its 'piped-in music' project which was completed this year, bringing FM music to all the art and photography rooms. Helping to sponsor the Department's Art Faire and awarding scholarships to graduating art majors completed the club's participation in school projects.

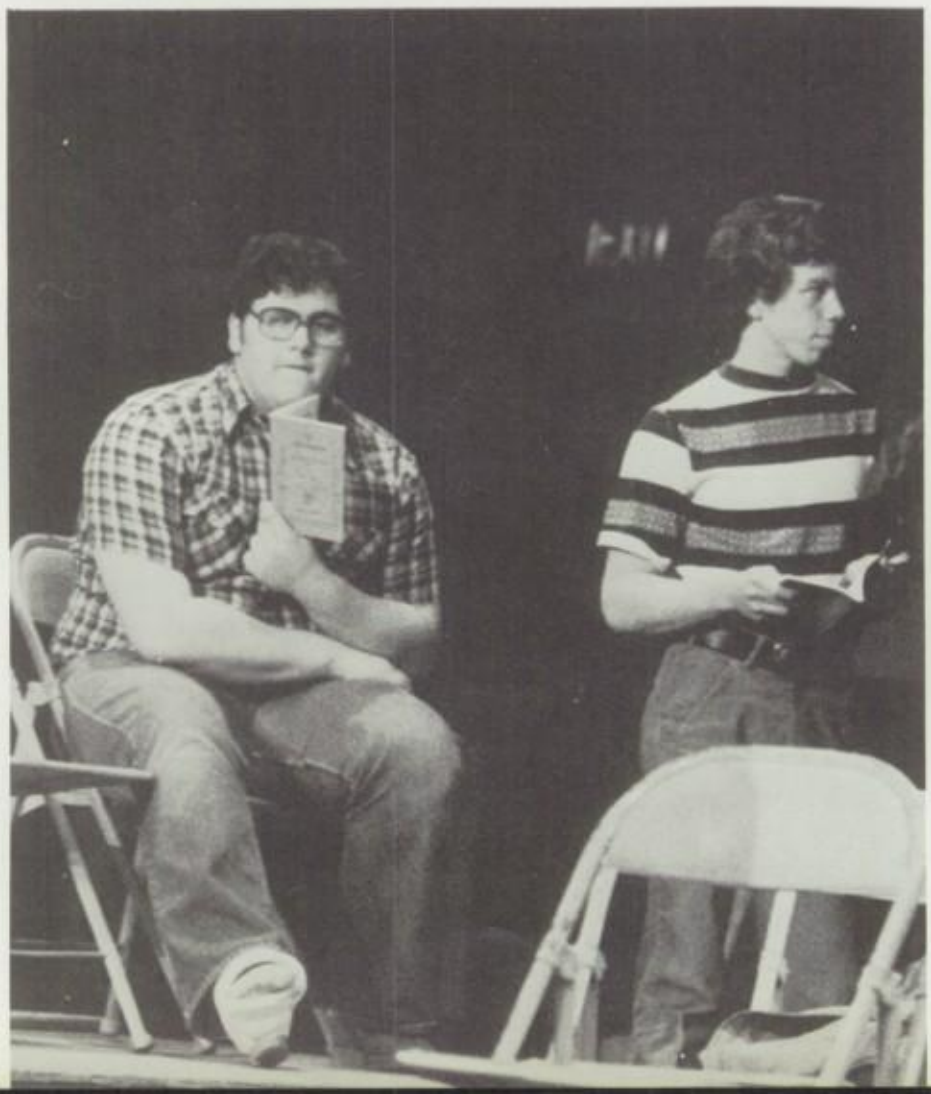
Above: Jovel Lozada puts the finishing touches on one of his many ceramic sculpture creations.

Left, Art Club, Front Row: Mrs. Phyllis Boteler, Mr. James Shuman. **Second Row:** Juan Camacho, Diana Colon, Anthony Martinez, Jovel Lozada. **Third Row:** Alan Dezzani, Kerry Tugman, Kara Bentsen, Scott James. **Fourth Row:** Gayle Rollins, Tim Soukup, Veronica Padia, Henry Jenkins. **Fifth Row:** Shelly Pritchett, Dannette Lloyd, Javier Mendoza, Michelle Hunstable, Carla Hunstable, Karen Wolf.





Upper Left: Mr. Tischer stresses a vital point—'developing your character.'
Upper Center: Scott James reveals his suspicion of the identity of the killer to fellow actor Randy Lackey.
Center: Taking advantage of the full-length mirror, Mrs. Eden directs her class in coordination exercises.
Lower Center: Tom Vallin emphasizes his part in the play "Ten Little Indians."
Right: Mischief is ever-present in the play, and Robert Merenda plots his next move to fool Jeff Klink.
Above: With endless lines to memorize, Brian Bell, Randell Lundgren and Hollie Skinner rehearse a scene until it flows smoothly.



Girls Ensembles, Drama Department brings culture to community

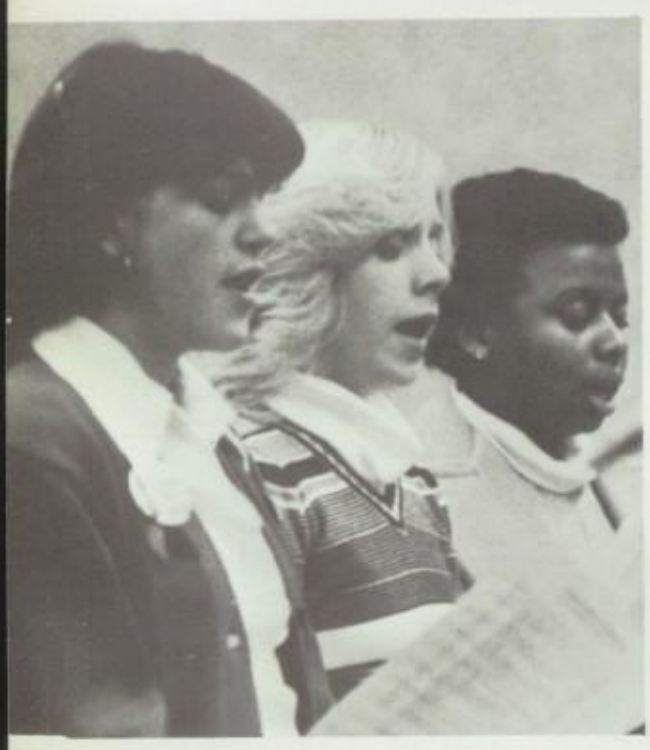
In a continuing effort to extend culture and entertainment to the public, Modesto High's performing arts students put forth their best creative talents in the form of assemblies, concerts and a theatrical production.

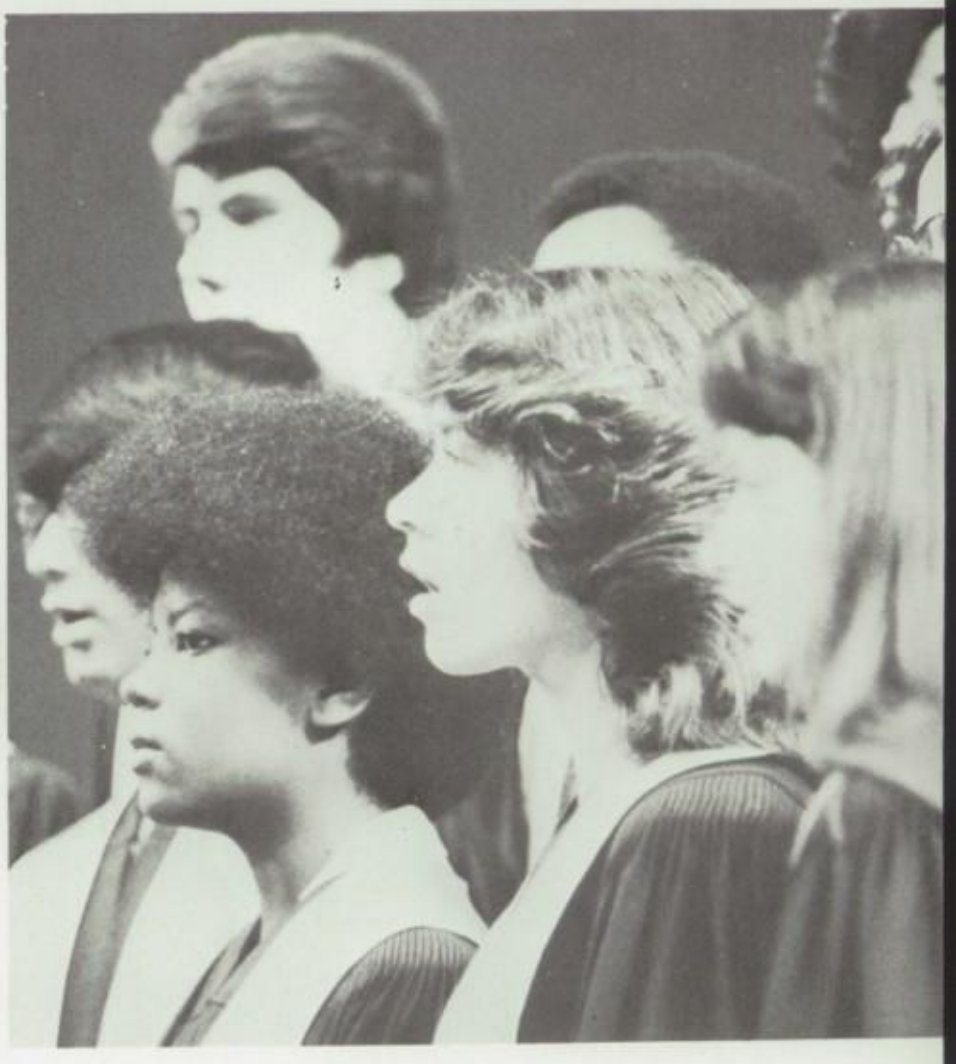
The Girls' Ensembles could be found perfecting their vocal skills and preparing for performances every Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school. They sang at the Twilight Musicale along with the Madrigals and Concert Choir. The girls were selected by audition; therefore, they represented the best of the female singers from Concert Choir. By the second semester, though, their enthusiasm dwindled and there were no more performances left to give; they disbanded.

However, the second semester marked the reopening of the drama department since last year. Director Paul Tischer held auditions for the Agatha Christie mystery, "Ten Little Indians." Rehearsals began promptly after Easter Vacation and the play was presented early in May. The cast worked diligently and produced a fine show. Playing the various roles were: John Webb and Robert Merenda as Naracott; Hollie Skinner as Mrs. Rogers; Randall Lundgren, Rogers; Linda Vallin, Vera; Don Howell, Lombard; Randy Lackey, Marston; Tom Vallin, Blore; Scott James, General MacKenzie; Nina Satriles, Emily Brent; Jeff Klink, Wargrave; Bryan Bell, Dr. Armstrong.

The cast gave several performances, thus passing on another facet of the varied Panther Life.

Upper Right, Girls Ensembles, Front Row: Susan Alonzo, Michelle Lindsay. **Center Row:** Denise Buckley, Nina Satriles, Jessica Potts. **Back Row:** Lori Conrad, Debby Moe.
Above: Under direction of Mr. Underwood, the Girls Ensembles performs during the Twilight Musicale.
Left: Melody pours forth from the voices of Susan Alonzo, Teri Layton, and Denise Buckley.





Upper Left, Madrigals, First Row: Director Lance Underwood, John Webb, Suzanne Fisher, Don Howell, Curtis Denham. **Second Row:** Ruth Richards, Sandy Sanchez, Debbie Lindsay, Becky Couchman. **Third Row:** Randy Lundgren, Tim Soukup, Susan Campbell. **Up Stairs:** John Bradford, Connie Jimenez, Sabrina Washington.
Above Left: Suzanne Fisher, Ruth Richards, and Sabrina Washington prepare for the Madrigal Concert.
Above Center: Working hard on the music, Connie Jimenez puts her time in Madrigals.
Right: Choir members Jessica Potts and Kathy Larry concentrate on their music during the Twilight Musicale.

MHS vocal groups productive under temporary direction of Underwood

Acting as advisor and director of Concert Choir and Ensembles, Lance Underwood did an excellent job of filling in while vocal music director Dennis Clark was away on sabbatical.

With a busy schedule of preparing for concerts and festivals, the Concert Choir gave major performances in the Twilight Musicale, the County Festival, and a Spring Concert.

The Twilight Musicale is the annual Christmas Concert given by the combined choir, ensembles, and orchestra, and has been a tradition in Modesto for over 40 years. The County Festival performance is given by participating choirs from throughout Stanislaus County, and it likewise well known in the community.

Performing for churches, rated festivals, public concerts, and community organizations, the fourteen member Ensembles (Madrigals) was a deeply appreciated community service group. With several of last year's members graduating, this year's group contained more than the usual number of new members in the most prestigious vocal group at Modesto High School.

The Ensembles attended a Madrigal Conference in San Francisco in which they were given helpful hints on improving vocal exercises and performances by CMEA members.

The Ensembles represented MHS in their traditionally outstanding manner. In producing a special kind of sound, they impressed audiences everywhere they went and were greatly appreciated. Whether they were singing a quick lively tune from the popular repertoire or a Renaisance classic, the Ensembles, under the direction of Underwood, produced the smooth, mellow, well-blended sound of precisely sung music.

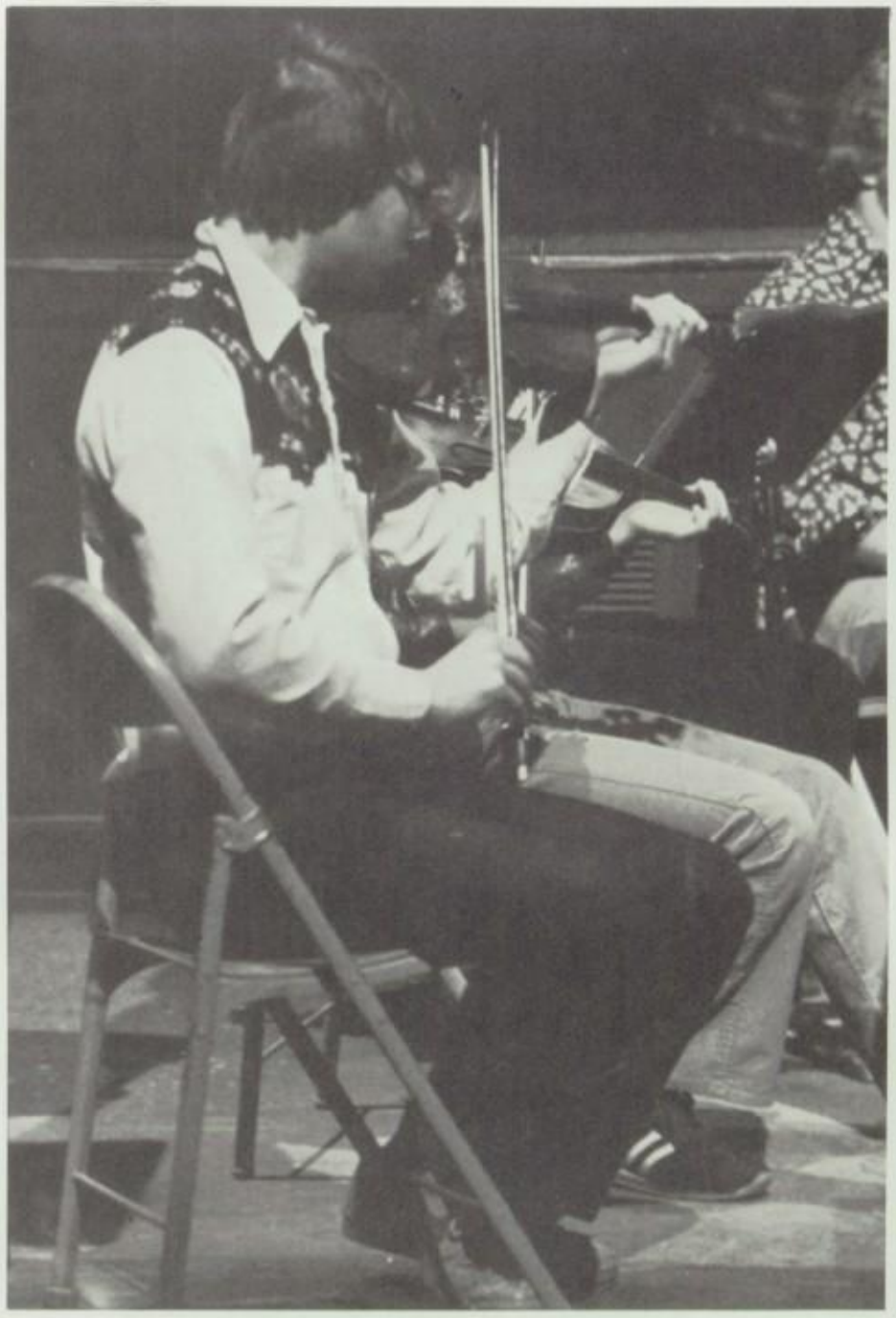
Top: Tina Vance, Susie Campbell, Connie Jimenez, Robin Miller, Matilda Magana, Trina Russell, and Tony Layton perform under the direction of Lance Underwood.
Above, Concert Choir, Front Row: Director Lance Underwood, Terry Layton, Susan Alonzo, Michelle Lindsay, Tom Burrell, John Azevedo, Jessica Potts, Sabrina Washington, Diana Reeves. **Second Row:** Connie Jimenez, Tina Vance, Matilda Magana, Fred Osborne, Randy Lundgren, Peggy Long, Sandy SAnchez, Kathy Larry Lori Conrad. **Third Row:** Robin Miller, Denise Buckley, Cindy Wheaton, Nina Satriles, Marcy Dunlap, John Webb, Mike Rangel, Victor Coleman, Angie Rangel, Ruth Richards. **Fourth Row:** Laurie Martin, Jenny Stenman, Becky Couchman, Debbra Lindsay, Tim Soukup, James Wood, Don Howell, Kevin Packard, Yvette Gordon, Viola Jackson, Nancy Ulm.

Instrumental music programs add sparkling sound to social events

Modesto High School sported the most spectacular instrumental music program in the city. The MHS Jazz Band, composed of 25 musicians, performed for a variety of functions throughout the year including celebrations for the 20th Anniversary of the SOS and the first anniversary of Vintage Fair, the All-City Jazz Festival, and a concert of their very own.

The Pep Band, led by student directors Dave Victorino and Bob Sherburn, continued to add glitter and pageantry to school assemblies and athletic events. They performed at numerous rallies and football, basketball, and soccer games. The Pep Band, unique as an organization run entirely by students, remained the only completely extra-curricular activity of the instrumental music department.

This year marked the sixty-fifth anniversary of the MHS Orchestra. Conducted under the careful direction of Mr. Rick Paderas, the orchestra gave performances during the Twilight Musicale and a school assembly. While there was no spring concert, a Concert Exchange was staged in which the Franklin High School Orchestra came from Stockton to perform and the MHS Orchestra traveled to Franklin.



Above, Orchestra: Susan Adams, John Christopherson, Becky Cloud, Greg Cooper, Becky Couchman, Curry Crane, Michelle Curci, Curtis Escobar, Kathy Fernandes, David Gilbert, Roxanne Jimenez, Dianne Louis, Debra Lyles, Larry Moore, Lynn Moore, Debbie Moe, Salina Nash, Sandy Sanchez, Sherril Sather, Bob Sherburn, Debbie Sheppard, Tom Vallin, David Victorino, Alan Weststeyn, Nathaniel White, Norma Zavala.

Center Left, Pep Band, Front Row: David Victorino, Lorainne Rosa, Alan Westyn, Debby Moe, Bob Sherburn. **Second Row:** Steve Sather, David Gilbert, Dianne Louis, Tony George, Mike Johnson, Clifford Ball. **Up Slide:** John Christopherson, Debbie Lyles, Julia Bland, Gene Balentine, Lynn Moore, Mark Soukup. **Top:** Mark Johnson, Lanny Nelson.
Left: Gene Balentine plays to the beat of a different drum while Dianne Louis and John Christopherson concentrate on the rally.
Below: Pep Band leader, David Victorino directs musicians to their appropriate places, while Peggy Long, Gene Balentine, and Bob Sherburn prepare to play.

Far Center Left: While playing the school hymn, talented Alan Weststeyn single-handedly fingers his trumpet and freshman David Gilbert does it the easiest way.
Upper Left: Tom Vallin crescendos during the climax of an orchestral piece at the Twighlight Musicale.
Left, Jazz Band, Front Row: Dwayne Cummings, Curtis Denham, Peggy Long, Becky Couchman, Bob Sherburn, Gene Balentine, Debby Moe, John Christopherson, Debra Lyles, Tom Cantrell. **Back Row:** Rolando Meeks, Mark Soukup, Alan Weststeyn, Lanny Nelson, David Victorino, Julie Bland, David Gilbert, Tom Payne, Cesario Cortez.

Right: Percussion leader Curtis Denham plays the Exorcist on the bells during a half-time performance.
Below: The band smoothly performs the concert formation to Malay.
Far Lower Right: Debbie Killgore, standing erect, heads her squad in pregame exit.
Lower Right Center: Catching the attention of the audience during a halftime show, tall flags perform a flowing and unbroken circle.

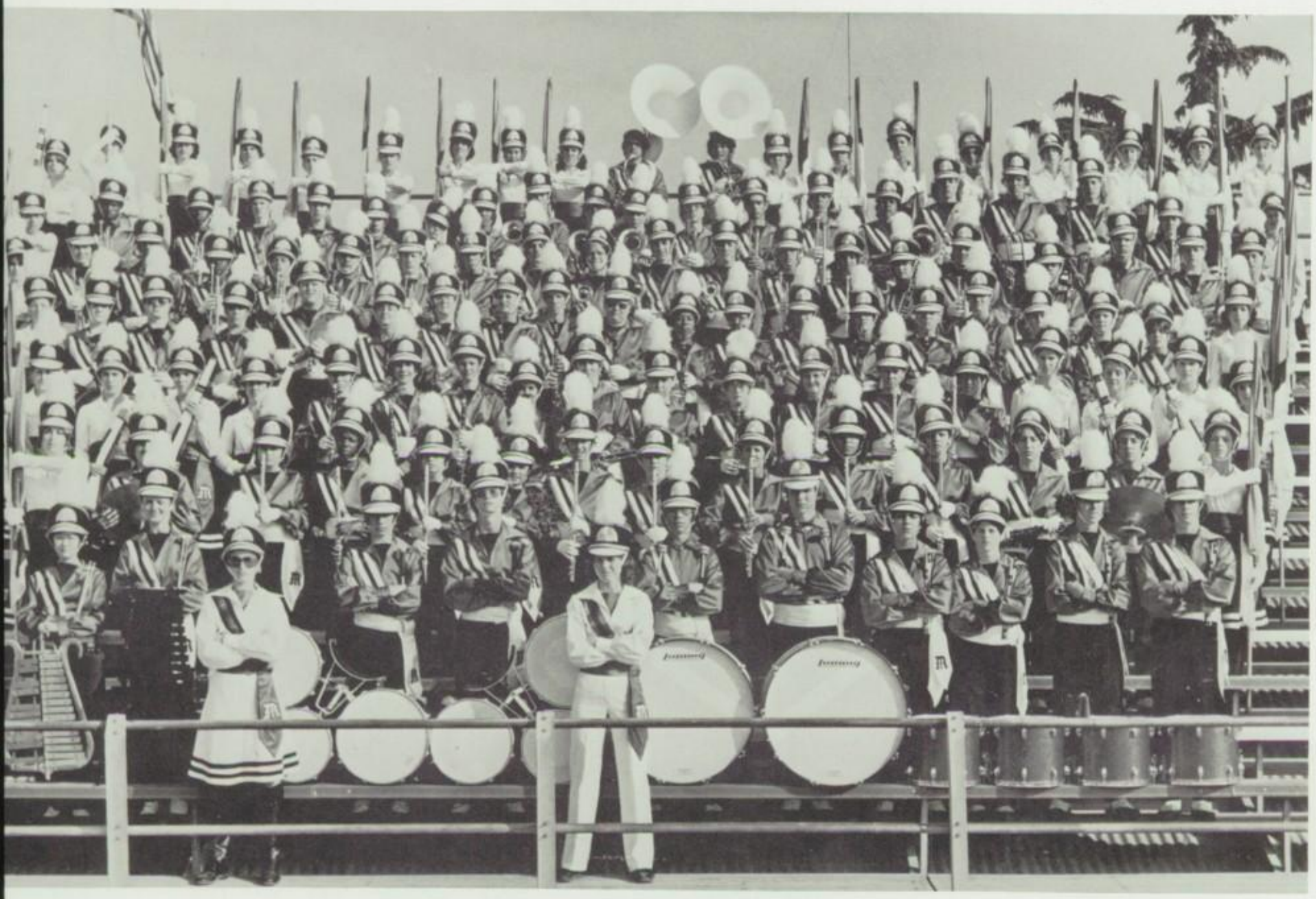
Award-winning

Winning more awards than any other in the 58—year history of the Modesto High School Bands, the MHS Marching Band and Color Guard placed in the top three, seven out of eight times in competition during the fall season. Following their return from Wisconsin and the National Marching Band Contest in June, 1977 where they placed thirteenth overall and first in spirit, the 1977—1978 Band thus became one of the top marching bands in the United States.

Beginning late in the summer the 140 members of the Band attempted an ambitious schedule of 24 performances before 70,000 people. They traveled extensively throughout Northern California and capped a successful fall by winning the City Marching Band Championship. Fund raising events were soon underway as members began planning to return to the midwest in June for the 1978 National Contest.

Right: Beaming with pride, Drum Major Brenda Wheat strives for perfection.
Above Right: Majorette Mariann Henriques adds the final touch to the band's routine.
Above Left: Color Gaurd Captain Peggy Long demonstrates the importance of discipline.

MHS Band becomes national competitor in both talent and spirit



Above, Marching Band, Front: Color Guard Captain Peggy Long, Drum Major Brenda Wheat. **First Row:** Edie Lau, Becky Couchman, Gene Balentine, Curtis Denham, John Bettencourt, Rex Duke, Diane Louise, Kathy Fernandes, Matt Hildreth, Steve Bertozzi. **Second Row:** Cindy Epperson, Akira Bell, Cynthia Pate, Cynthia Smith, Pricilla Gomez, Debbie O'Dell, Lesa Kershaw, Rhonda Fee, Tammy Walker, Ana Sierra, Susan Singleton, Debbie Moe, Kirk Zellman, Jessica Potts. **Third Row:** Gwendy Hurst, Deena Avila, Rhonda Crum, Becky Schubert, Penny Nelson, Jimmie Easley, Michelle Curci, Maria Lenhares, Becky Cloud, Debbie Shepherd, Carolyn Hurst, Debbie Kilgore, Sandy Sanchez, Kathy Gwerder, Cathy Hyer, Carol Sherman, Teri Layton. **Fourth Row:** Michelle Rocha, Dwight Hunnicutt, Bob Sherburn, Suzanne Crum, Tom Payne, Tiger Christopherson, Debbie Lyles, Marianne Henriques, Ruthann Walker, Chris Boday, Laura Cortez, Karen Walker, Carol Johnson, Debbie Ureta, Andrea Rushen, Rene Walker, Sheril Sather, Peggy Palmer, Rhonda Bradley, Trina Russell. **Fifth Row:** Emma Vento, Dwayne Cummings, Greg Bauer, Rolando Meeks, Gilbert Ybarra, Robert Madrigal, Steve Sather, Mark Soukup, Clifford Ball, Lanny Nelson, Tony George, Glen Schmidt, Dale Graver, Julie Bland, Lyn Wyrick, Dwayne Cummings, Cesario Cortez, Clayton Butler, Tom Cantrell, Sandy O'Dell. **Sixth Row:** Roxanne Jimenez, Eddy Armstrong, Kirby Crane, Terry Epperson, Steve Escobar, Tim Wong, David Gilbert, Vincent Alfague, Jeff Vail, Doug Gibson, Larry Moore, Nathaniel White, Lyne Moore, Alan Weststeyn, Richard Cardenas, Mark Johnson, Bob Horton, Mike Johnson, Lorraine Rosa, Patty George. **Seventh Row:** Kari White, Debbie Stroud, Linda Ott, Ursula Spani, Robin Miller, Pamela White, Suzanne Fisher, Paula Morrow, Anita Menghetti, Don Boucher, Dave Victorino, Jeanette Stinnett, Linda Isoni, Terri Carlton, Betty Beasley, Toni Taylor, Sharon Bertozzi, Angie Choat, Susie Campbell.

Far Upper Left: Dale Paugh 'kicks back' in the ROTC Cadet Lounge.
Upper Center Left: Col. Schales reminisces about his experiences in the Air Force.
Upper Center Right: Crystal Paugh inspects Gerri Hunstable, Carla Hunstable, Jim Garrison, Teri Hunstable and others to make sure their uniforms are fully correct.
Far Lower Right: Spending free time leisurely, Crystal Paugh and Emil Cortani challenge each other in a game of chess while Gerri and Michelle Hunstable give helpful advice on moves.
Right Center: Michelle and Carla Hunstable scan the poster material received from government sources.
Right: Karen Tambs, Carla Hunstable, and Emil Cortani examine Air Force plane models constructed by classmates.
Above: During a business meting, Michele Hunstable, Terri Hunstable, Dale Paugh, Carla Hunstable, and Gerri Hunstable discuss the possible activities to attend.

ROTC cadets gain experience in and out of classroom

Offered as both a club and a four-year academic course called aeroscience, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps at MHS proved to be one of the most consistent organizations in providing down-to-earth extra-curricular experiences. The year's field trips and non-school activities were highlighted by a helicopter flight at Sharpe Army Depot, near Stockton, in which 60 cadets participated. ROTC cadets also were given a demonstration in rappelling by the Marine Corps at Mt. Diablo. As he does every year, Col. Schales planned to take the cadets to visit one of the neighboring Air Force Bases.

To finance their activities, the organization employed various fund-raising events, including a full year can and paper drive and place mat ad sales. They also sponsored their annual ROTC Christmas Dance. Although short of meeting expenses, the club raised nearly $1,000.

Col. Schales and Sgt. Babb were pleased at the number of students who showed interest in ROTC early in the year, but were disappointed with the decline in student enrollment later on. Col. Schales complained of the image ROTC had been given, saying that "prospective students ignore the tremendous benefits which our program has to offer."

Crystal Paugh acted as Cadet Commander and Karen Tambs took the responsibilities of Deputy Cadet Commander. Showing that women were rapidly advancing in the military services, these two girls provided strong leadership for their fellow cadets.

Above, AFJROTC, Front Row: Jim Garrison, Teri Hunstable, Crystal Paugh, Annette Jarmin, Michelle Hunstable, David Sanson, Eugene Larry, Kari White, Tom Barrett. **Second Row:** Mike Adcox, Linda Mitts, Pamela Cooksey, Tammy Eye, Jeri Hunstable, Tina Vance, Concepcion Rivera. **Third Row:** Richard Elam, Dale Paugh, Paul Bunch, Cecil Wantland, Robert Thomas, Carla Hunstable. **Fourth Row:** Eric Beck, Col. Jacob Schales, Henry Bernal, Bob Teeple, Tony Rocha, Mark Quatrin, Paul Harrison, M/Sgt. John Babb, John Thompson.

MHS Ag Department is tops; busy FFA earns statewide recognition

The Vocational Agriculture Department provided students with information and experiences which could be put to practice through home projects and membership in the Future Farmers of America. More than any other department at Modesto High School, the correlation between classroom instructional experiences and the club associated with it was very apparent. The study of such classroom subjects as parliamentary precedure, ng mechanics, and animal husbandry led to outstanding achievements in the FFA, including state champion 'parli-pro' teams, outstanding judging teams, and many first place and champion livestock and mechanics exhibits.

FFA kicked off the year with a 'Melon Bust' in late August to invite freshmen students into the club. Followed in quick succession by a chicken barbeque, slave auction, parent-member banquet, awards banquet, jitney dinner, cake

Upper Left: With his welding project almost complete, Mike Alvarado runs the last bead into place.
Center: Randy Burtis makes his opinions understood by Alan Weststeyn and Nathaniel White during Parli-Pro practice.
Upper Center: In a rare 'behind the desk' appearance, Scott Wolf and Ed Morris work on an assignment in their Farm Management class.
Upper Right: President Steve Hampton delivers an opening statement at the annual parent-member banquet.
Far Upper Right: After a long chase, Kenny Olsen ends up on the right side of the needle as he treats an ill hog with a shot of antibiotic.
Right: Advisor Tom Smith demonstrates fertilizing techniques to George Soares, David Stein, Randy Terra, Tony Van Oostende, Tami Hastie, Gary Fernandes, Melvin Lemos and Austin Gunter.
Above: Bill Strohm grimmaces as Mr. Loren Nyman describes the pelvic bone of a cow to Mike Anthony.

auction, FFA Week and Field Day, members were assured a busy year of activities apart from monthly meetings and frequent contests and competitions.

Not only did the teams gain state-wide distinction, but individuals also earned honors, with Steve Hampton selected outstanding state 'parli-pro' chairman. He and Chris Nelson attended the the national convention in Kansas City and went on to Washington, D.C., in November. Already holding the offices of chapter president and regional vice-president, Steve ran for the office of state president in May. Steve Babb, another outstanding Future Farmer, ran for regional vice-president .

Above, FFA, First Row: Kathy Burgi, Doug Wheeler, Jim Thomas, Kurt Zellman, Scott Williams, Rich Fultz, Steve McManis, Mel Lemos. **Second Row:** Ernie Louis, Nathaniel White, Becky Hawkins, Joyce Borba, Shannon Watson, Kathy Fultz, Marlene Avila, Raquel Whitehead, Linda Tilley, Bill Machado. **Third Row:** Sheldon Miller, Rob Urdman, Mike Imelio, John Verissimo, Michele Wright, Steve Anderson, Kimberly Garcia, Ross Lee, Kevin Hampton, Robert Salsi. **Fourth Row:** Albert Coito, Jim Alvarez, Larry Mahan, Arnold Fidalgo, Wayne Boyd, Randy Terra, Mike Hyer, Tami Hastie, Mike Bizzini, David Stein, Tony Van Oostende, Alan Weststeyn, Robert Soares, Dan Wheeler.

Left, FFA, First Row: Ron McManis, Ron Terra, Rocky Whitehead, Victor Brasil, Mary Ann Henriques, Nancy Ulm, Lynora Corgiat, Elizabeth Zellman. **Second Row:** Chris Boday, Ty Angle, Sandy O'Dell, Mary Bilich, Chris Nelson, Paul Spani, John Borges, Ed Morris. **Third Row:** Frank Gwerder, Bill Strohm, Bob Breazeale, Steve Hampton, Danny Borba, Steven Babb, Mike Hodge, Dan Killingsworth, Joseph Ehrler. **Fourth Row:** Tom Ott, Candy Hastie, Rod Wright, Larry Mendonza, Joe Brasil, Stephen Copobianco, Kenny Olson, Randy Burtis, Scott Wolf, Mike Alvarado.

Industrial Ed provides students with basic mechanical and technical know-how; VICA recognizes achievers

Industrial Education classes provided students with knowledge in skills closely related to occupations in the industry. Some students continued with these skills directly into a job while others used them in pursuing related careers or in their everyday lives.

Changes and advances in technology occur so frequently that they offer complex challenges even to individuals who are properly trained and motivated. Modesto High School students completing a major in any of the 'shop' courses received a sound base of knowledge, since both the technical applications and extensive laboratory experiences using the materials and machines of industry were offered. The extent of students' progress was largely determined by their innate ability, motivation, and their ability to learn and get along with others.

The MHS Industrial Education staff is composed of teachers with considerable background experience who are familiar with industry requirements and include this in their instruction. Students were thus able to gain a general understanding of the tools and processes used in the industry, as well as prepare themselves for the more specialized training courses available at the college level.

Closely related to the industrial courses in auto mechanics, graphic arts, wood, metal, and electronics, the local chapter of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America provided students with the opportunity to display their work and demonstrate their skills in local, regional, and national contests. Wood shop teacher Richard Finn was the local advisor and auto shop teacher Willard Ripley continued for the third year as regional VICA director, bringing MHS further recognition.

Upper Left: Keith Watts struggles to loosen a bolt while reparing the metal lathe.
Upper Center: Jamie Rangel helplessly glances toward auto mechanics teacher, Mr. Robert Escobar, in a plead for some sound advice.
Upper Right: Willie Coker tampers with the intricate parts of a transmitter in electronics.
Center Right: After a hard day's work, the printing machine is grateful for the tender care of Dwayne Cummings.
Right: Luis Gutierrez refines his techniques in the art of drafting.
Above: Henry Sandoval operates the band saw in order to cut an odd shape for his wood project.

Below Center, VICA, First Row: Mitchell Selfridge, Gary Gardner, Richard Elam, Gary Fernandes, Sam Abid, Juan Manuel. **Second Row:** Lynn Moore, Henry Oliver, Stephen Escobar, David Sanson, Harry Kumar, Steven Hildreth. **Third Row:** Mr. Richard Finn, Terry Selfridge, DAle Paugh, Jim Garrison, Robert Ball, Neil Skinner, Mr. Willard M. Ripley.

Above: Bringing out an illustrious finish, Roger Kelly sands down a name plaque for his parents.
Left: Gary Simpson and Randy Lackey employ their talent in graphic arts to make MHS dance tickets.

Right, 'S' Club, Front Row: Susie Sutton, Becky Couchman, Charlene Palmer, Sherry Martin, Candi Bellew, Lois Hunnicutt. **Second Row:** Sandy Sanchez, Sherril Sather, Tammy Santos, Linda Goncalves, Martha Ketchum, Gloria Catzalco, Chris Nelson. **Third Row:** Colette Avila, Karen Maxfield, Linda Nevitt, Betty Beasley, Connie Jimenez, Jenny Stenman, Ronda Crum. **Fourth Row:** Barbara Ustick, Terri Carlton, Kara Bentsen, Elizabeth Zellman, Ursula Spani, Suzanne Fisher. **Fifth Row:** Terri Davis, Maria Teixeira, Jill Meadows, Connie Mayfield, Angie Choat, Suzanne Porcella, Diana Goncalves.

Home Ec teaches socio-economic awareness; 'S' Club benefits community

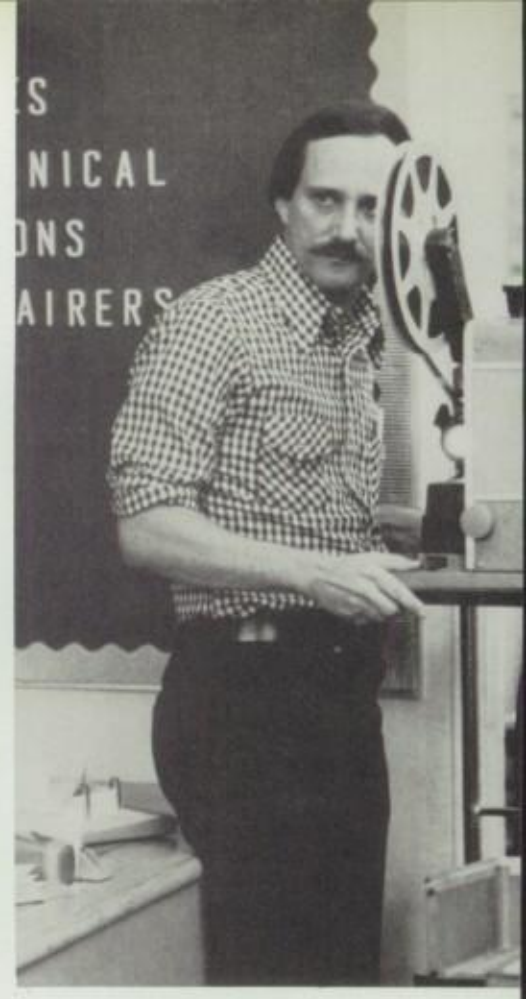
Expanding class offerings to include not only the ever-popular needlecraft, clothing, and foods, but also home decoration, survival foods, international foods, and bake shop, the Home Economics Department also offered classes in parenthood and child development to introduce students to social awareness of family functions. The department also cooperated with the social science and business departments to offer a newly-required course for 1980 and later graduates, which was designed to teach students budget economy and good household planning.

The Modesto High School 'S' Club, a girls' service organization, provided assistance to many local community groups through various projects: serving refreshments at Robertson Road School holiday parties, sponsoring an Easter egg hunt for disadvantaged children, decorating the MHS Christmas tree in the main hall, holding a Teacher Appreciation Day to honor MHS teachers for commendable work, and assisting with the administration of the county hearing tests.

The 40 members also invited guest speakers, including experts on cake decoration and a trip to Weinstock's for tips on hair styling. In addition, three members attended an Asilomar leadership camp for girls.

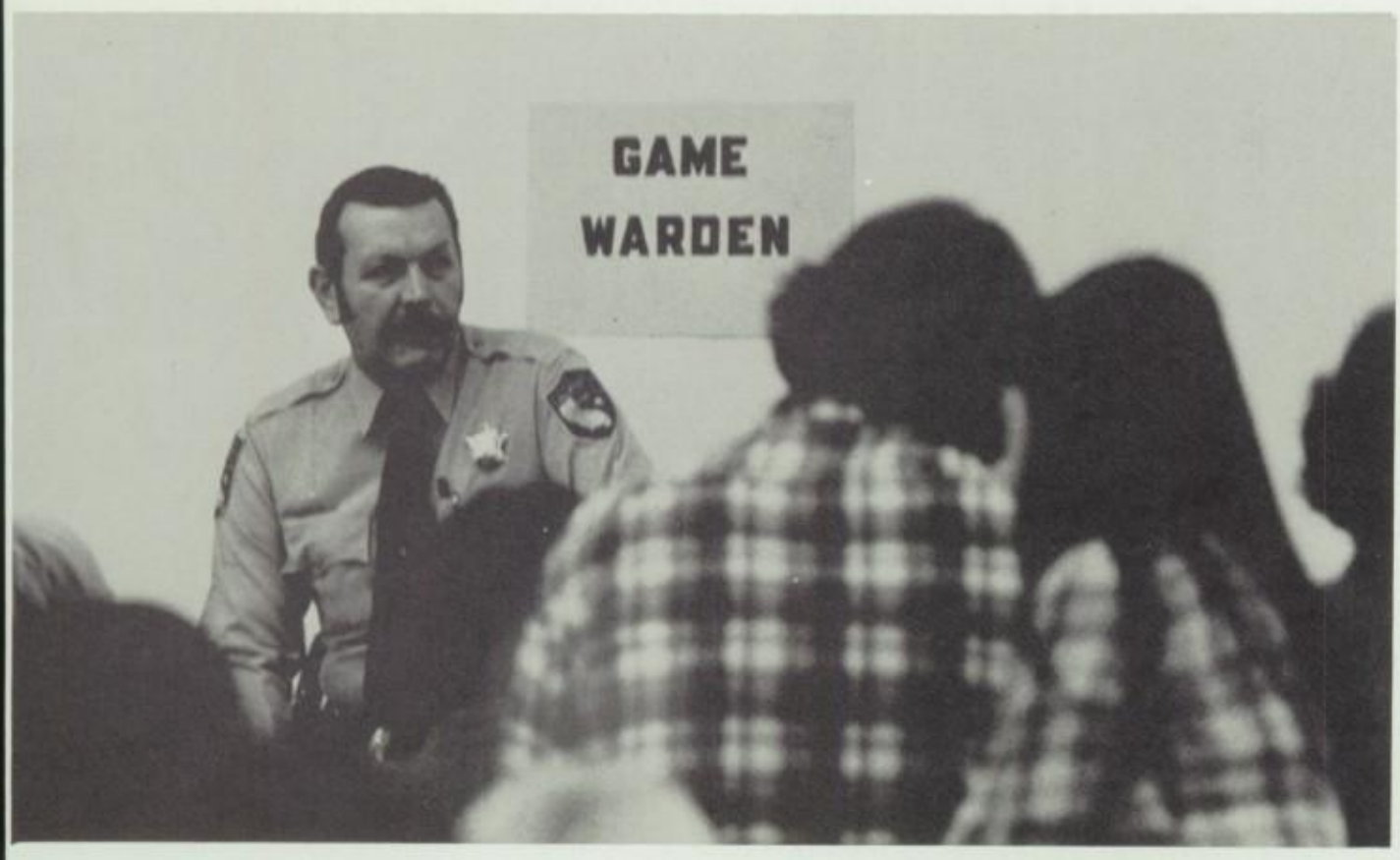
Fund raising activities included on- and off-campus sale of cupcakes, Sees candy, Valentine Heart-o-grams, and stationery.

Far Upper Left: Paula Tanner matches plaids for a her clothing project.
Upper Left: Margaret Gonsalves adds the finshing fringe to her afgan.
Far Center Left: While conversing Debbie Renfrow and Terry Gracia crochet in their advanced needlecraft class.
Upper Center Right: Kathy Larry enjoys a scumptious lunch which has been prepared by her follow classmates.
Upper Right: Using various colors of yarn, Tami Santos makes a latch-hook pillow.
Left: Advancing her skills in sewing, Michelle Morris completes her pants outfit.
above: Since cake decorating hobby and profession for Terry Davis, she demonstrates her skills before the class, with confidence.



Right: Preparing to start his simulator, driver training student Arnold Fidalgo awaits further directions from the instructor.
Upper Center: Mr. Palazuelos begins the projector for a noon-time film on career planning.
Below: Donna Payne thumbs through occupational folders in the career center.

Above: Ira Hill from the Boy Scouts of America, and Bob Davis from law enforcement speak at one of the many Career Club meetings held throughout the year.
Right: The YEP coordinator assists Ruben Alvarez in finding a job in the community.



Left: A game warden from the Department of Fish and Game talks to students about the pros and cons of working with wildlife.
Below: Tami Hastie, Diana Graves, Randy Dobbs, and Kim Garcia rap with guest speaker Orville Campbell about electrician occupations during a Career Club meeting.
Lower Center: Mr. Boer aids Carmen Sanchez in correctly completing a sample job application form.

Young adults learn to drive, plan their futures; Career Center benefits job seekers, student workers

Sophomores explored a variety of areas in preparation for the future. Career planning and driver education offered planning for the future through aptitude tests, a study of traffic laws and safe driving habits, and an introduction to the needs and opportunities in a variety of careers; driver training provided students with practical experience in simulators and behind the wheel.

The Career Center continued to be a popular stopping-off place for many students, with Mr. Palazuelos and Mrs. Streeter providing assistance for career researching and job applications. Operating out of the Career Center, the Career Club numbered over 300 members. The nine meetings on topics including agriculture, business, English, health, the military services, science and math, and building construction, were well staffed by community resource people.

Over 100 students participated in the Work Experience Program, employed at jobs throughout the community while earning school credits in the process. Other students gained job training experience in a wide variety of fields through the Exploratory Work Experience program, serving briefly at several different jobs, but without pay.

From studying career options to practical experience programs, students took advantage of the many benefits provided by the Career Center.

Below: Knowing that it can be an asset when searching for a job, Steven Babb learns proper welding techniques in ROP Welding Construction.
Right: Hollie Skinner, Mrs. Bertha West and Robert Merenda prepare newspaper layouts before taking them to be printed at the ROP Media Center in Ceres.
Center Right: As part of the training program in his Law Enforcement class, Nathan Bettencourt jumps a wall on the obstacle course.
Lower Right: Melinda Christensen works with the printing machine in Reprographics, an ROP course offered on the MHS campus.
Center Left: Amused by the performance, Diane Colon giggles at the antics of puppeteers in ROP Child Development.

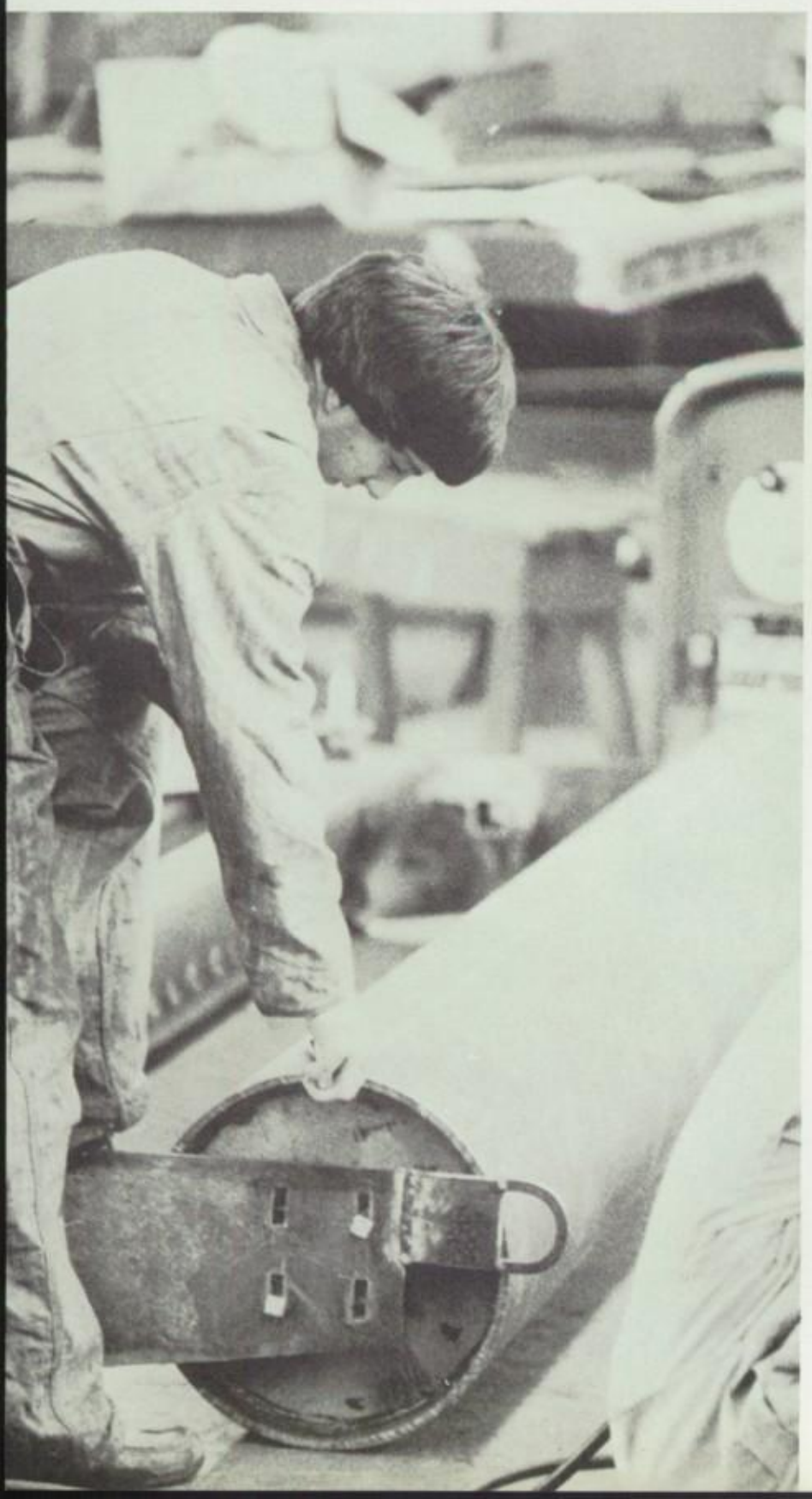
ROP trains students in chosen fields

The Regional Occupation Program provided on-the-job training in twelve exciting career areas for MHS students. With over 75 students enrolled in ROP classes ranging from building construction to medical careers, this state-sponsored program has increased rapid ly in popuarity in recent years. Modesto High is currently home for two of these courses, Reprographics and ROP Welding.

Acting out of the career center as MHS coordinator for the program, Mrs. Beve Streeter felt that ROP courses showed students who had expressed interest in a particular field what they were really getting into: the down-to-earth basics of their occupational choice. Although none of the ROP courses paid wages, students readily committed themselves to regular training in the areas of cosmetology, banking careers, auto parts counterman, electronic data processing, exploring childhood, law enforcement, reprographics, merchandising, and welding construction.

Left, CSF, First Row: Ursula Spani, Gloria Catzalco, Sheri Ulloa, Donna Payne, Sherril Sather, Martha Ketchum, Maxine Wong, Mauricio Vera, Thomas O'Brien, Curtis Escobar, Tammy Santos. **Second Row:** Karen Maxfield, Lois Hunnicutt, Linda Vallin, Sandra Cardoza, Ross Lee, Pam White, Peggy Palmer, Bill Strohm, Jeff Klink, Robert Soares, Juan Vera, Nathaniel White. **Third Row:** Peggy Long, Charlene Palmer, Andrea Heersink, Sharon Lubeck, Gretchen Peek, Sue Van Duyn, Deidre Bradford, Colette Avila, Dell Lopez, Linda Nevitt, Suzanne Porcella, Pamela Hathaway, Diana Goncalves, Jill Meadows, Linda Goncalves. **Fourth Row:** Becky Couchman, Bill Eaker, Steve Potts, Evan Campbell, John Laude, Bob Breazeale, Alan Weststeyn, Steve Hampton, Christine Nelson, Suzanne Fisher, Kathy Gwerder, Tom Payne, Connie Mayfield.

Below: CSF advisor Walter Baddell reviews application procedures for the Seymour Award with nominees Linda Nevitt and Jeff Klink.
Lower Left: Ron Terra builds an agricultural float in ROP Welding



CSF honors academic achievers

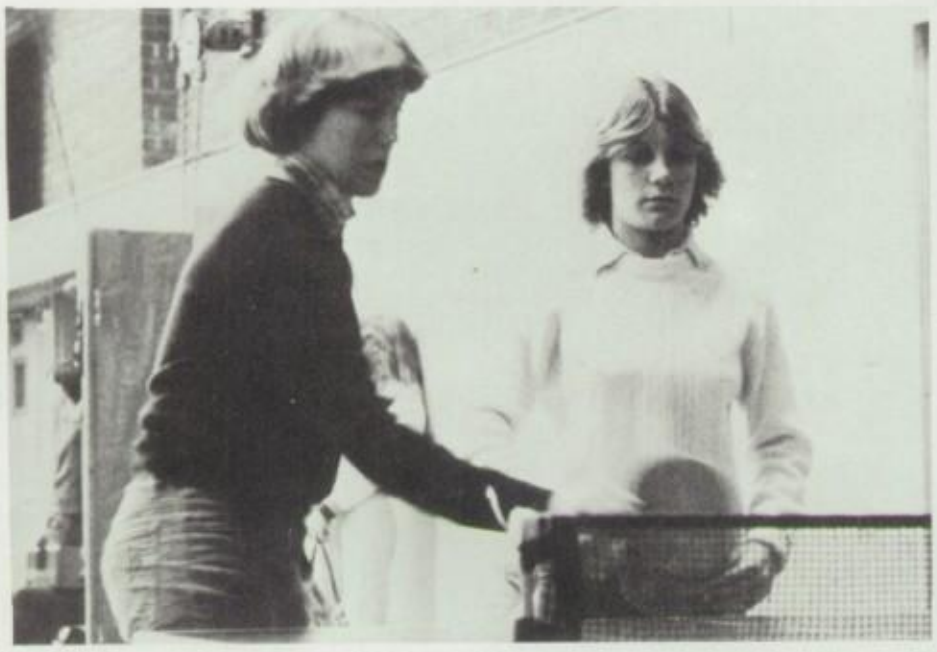
Achieving membership in the California Scholarship Federation remained a high honor bestowed on less than 10 percent of the MHS student body. The MHS chapter of CSF was more honorary than an active club; however, the prestigious organization did sponsor social as well as educational activities.

Early in the school year, members attended CSF Day at the University of the Pacific, with events including entertainment, tours of the campus, and a free lunch, as 44 high schools from northern California participated.

CFS'ers were also given the opportunity to visit college campuses which appealed to them.

Membership in CSF provides recognition of students with the greatest potential for success in the academic community. Acceptance is limited to students who achieve a 'B' grade point average or higher for each semester. Seniors strive for a coveted Life Membership, representing four semesters of membership, which is often the key to reduced admission fees and scholarships at many colleges and universities.

Right: Heated basketball games are played all through the day in PE classes.
Center: Russell Smith secures Charlie Sperry in a double handstand in gymnastics class.
Below: Debbie Shaw and Brandy Raley try to improve their ping-pong skills during a rainy PE period.

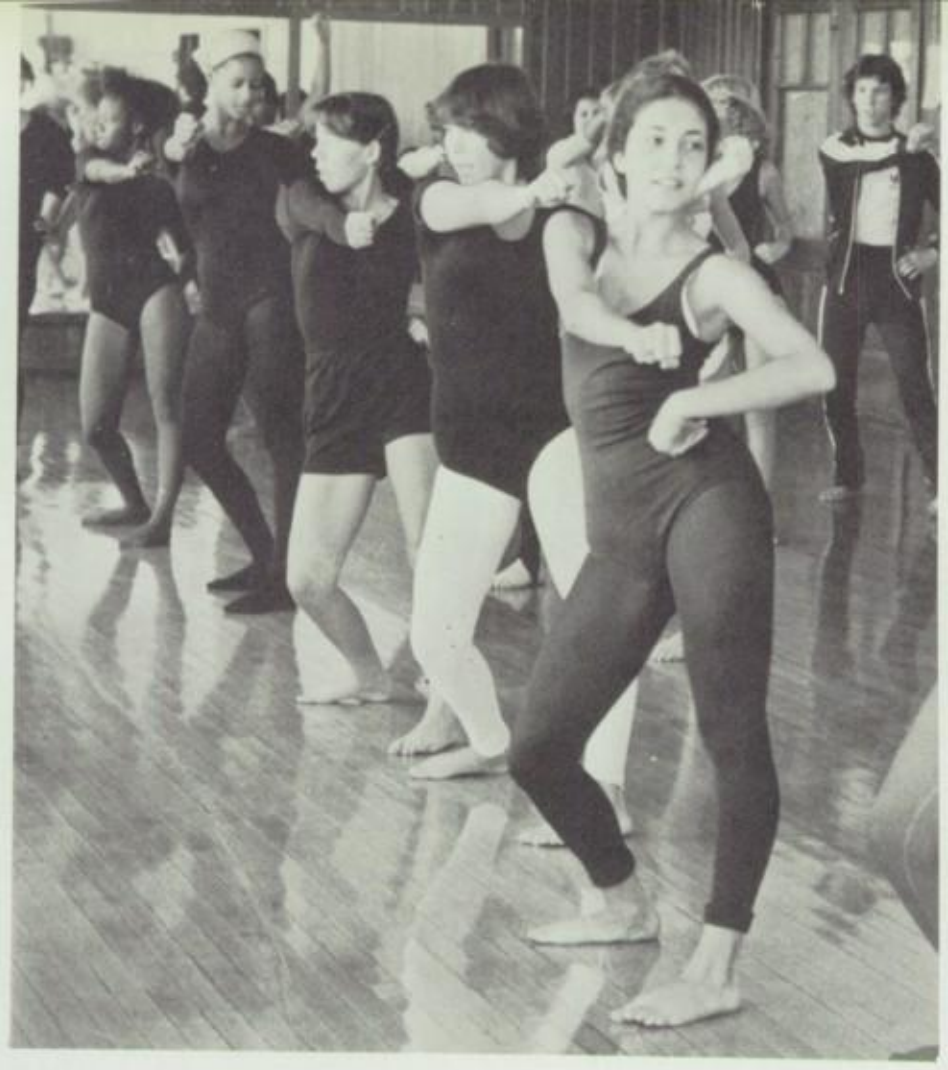


P.E. goes coed in almost every sport

The only course required of everyone, physical education provided students with a variety of electives through which they could maintain a sound body and sharpen their athletic skills. There were classes to suit every taste, including archery, badminton, bowling, dance, gymnastics, slimnastics, softball, swimming, tennis, volleball, and weightlifting, along with boys and girls athletics. Many of these classes were co-ed, with boys and girls learning to work and play together.

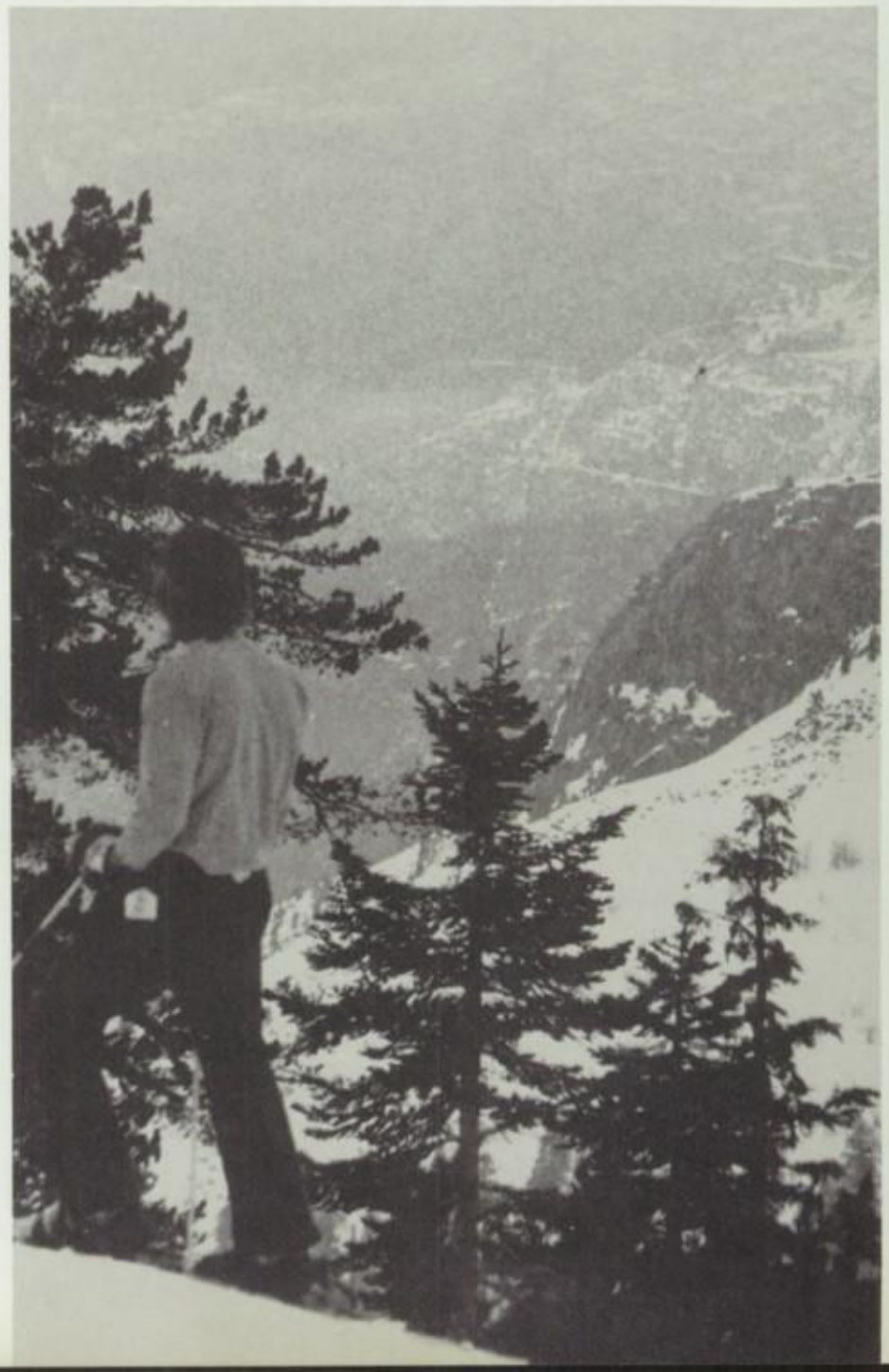
The Physical Education Department, headed by Herb Poddig and Dee Killam, is in a state of transition. Efforts to integrate the grade levels and make all general PE classes co-ed were largely completed. Plans to strengthen the 'popular sport' offerings while maintaining a variety of courses throughout the day were developed and implemented.

Boys Gymnastics, no longer able to compete as a sport due to lack of local competition and funding cut-backs on transportation, nonetheless maintained its popularity as a physical fitness and coordination activity with many boys. Bill Yard continued as 'coach' with hopes to return to competition as soon as funds could be raised for transportation to regional and state meets, or other local schools began programs of their own.



Center Left: During weightlifting class. Doug Carlton works on the shoulder press.
Left: Colette Avila, Brenda Fulkerson, and Raydene Travao bump and grind in dance classs.
Center Left: Gilbert Ybarra attempts a back hip circle on the high bar.
Below: Modesta Meza, Mary Espinoza, Lisa Sacasas, Norma Arizon, Mary Lou Lopez, Maria Gazcon, and Latricia Placencia work as a tema to outscore their opponents in a fast-moving game of volleyball.
Lower Left: Felicia Cisneros, Nancy Ayala, Linda Ott, and Norma Rodriguez strengthen their muscles in slimnastics class.

Below, Ski Club, Front Row: Bunny McHale, Marty Usiak, Linda Goncalves, Donna Payne, Robin Watts, Becky Schubert, Scott Calkins, Peggy Palmer, Pam White, Desi Angle, Helen Jimenez, Melinda Galvez, Scott Williams. **Second Row:** Nina Satriles, Mike Imelio, Genise Van Duyn, Diana Westbrook, Deidre Bradford, Keith Watts, Jessica Potts, Ursula Spani, Sharon Bertozzi, Rosa Blanco, Julie Carlisle, Kirk Melson. **Third Row:** Tony Barksdale, Diana Goncalves, Sharon Lubeck, Suzanne Ostorero, Tami Hastie, Sue Van Duyn, Linda Isoni, Terri Carlton, Anita Velo, Ruth Richards, Paul Harrison, Richard Elam, David Sanson, Phil Johnson. **Fourth Row:** Brad Jones, Ty Angle, Rod Wright, Bob Breazeale, Rhett Calkins, Ron Jackson, Doug Ott, Laurie Leibes, Sandy O'Dell, Gary Fernandes, Mary Bilich, Mike Merenda, Bryan Craig, Alan Bertozzi, Mike Alvarado, Robert Merenda.



Above: Clifford Ball exhibits his parrellel techniques on moguls.
Upper Center: Bret Meverden displays unique talent while preparing for a jump.
Far Upper Right: Heavyweight wrestler and Block M member Kevin Bizzini proudly accepts the 'Iron Man' trophy from Queen Brenda Wheat as Attendant Linda Nevitt and Coaches Kiyoi and Miller look on.
Right: One of the great pleasures of skiing is the impressive view as seen from the top of Mt. Reeba.

Long-awaited snowfall appreciated by skiers; Block M honors athletes

Ranging in membership from snow-plowing beginners to advanced hotdoggers, the Modesto High School Ski Club suddenly became one of the most popular organizations on campus when January snows covered the slopes with their heaviest snowpack in four years. As fresh snow fell almost daily, students tested the runs without waiting for advisor Dee Killam and the official trip to the high Sierras in February.

The club, which was approved by the Board of Education in 1971, has been consistently popular as a recreational organization devoted to improving basic skills and sharing information on techniques and equipment.

Block M, as the athletic honor society of Modesto High School, includes all students who have earned at least 30 points while playing on varsity team. With both girls and boys as members, the club maintains a highly traditional organization. Winning the coveted crimson letter and the patches indicating the sports participated in, boys quickly acquire the traditional red and cream jackets while girls wear crimson sweaters.

Block M members helped the athletic department at sports events by taking tickets, setting up and taking down equipment, and helping with record-keeping and scoring, and held the end-of-season Sports Banquet at which new members were accepted and other awards were made.

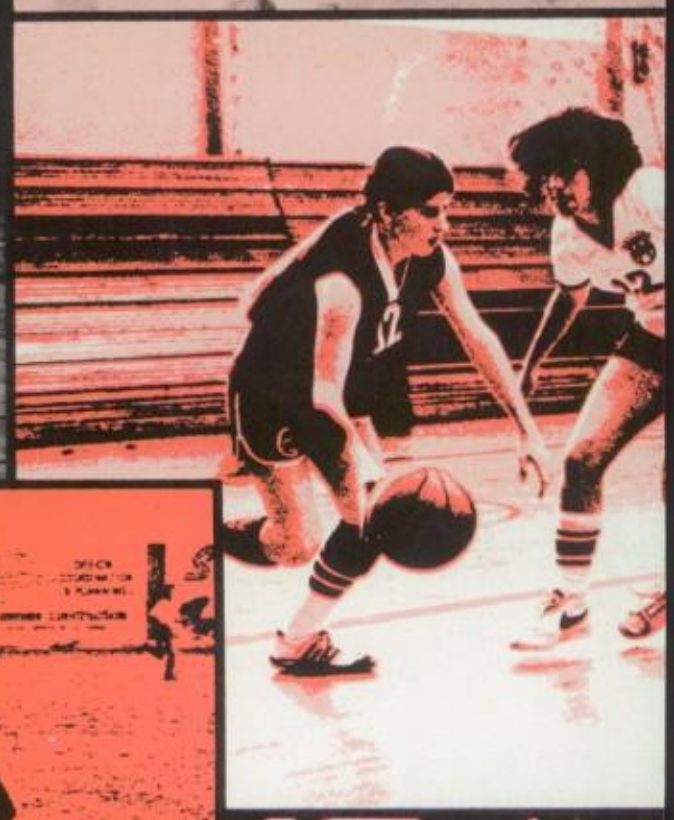
Above, Block M, Front Row: Russell Miller, Tammy Santos, Nancy Gay, Martha Ketchum, Mike McCombs, Peggy Palmer, Pam White, Anita Menghetti, Helen Jimenez, Melinda Galvez, Gloria Caltzalco, Betty Beasley, Sheri Ulloa, Raymond Gutierrez, Pete Alberto. **Second Row:** Gretchen Peek, Manuela Dias, Michelle Hiler, Hollie Skinner, Suzanne Fisher, Suzanne Porcella, Alan Bertozzi, Ty Angle, Don Howell, Victor Brasil, Rocky Vinnedge, Keith Watts, Jovel Lozada, Javier Mendoza, Luis Gutierrez. **Third Row:** Jill Meadows, MaryAnn Henriques, Ruth Richards, Arthur Rosenburg, Dan Killingsworth, Lloyd Sangster, Jon Stover, John Laude, Victor Rodriguez, Brian Cooper, Mike Martin, Mike Alvarado. **Fourth Row:** Larry Mendonza, Jeff Woodbridge, Roland Blankenship, Floyd Quigley, Anthony Martinez, Mike Cardoza, Bill McHale, Steve Rocha, Danny May, Kelly Bizzini, Mark Ferguson, Raul Ortiz, Sharon Lubeck, Phil Johnson. **Fifth Row:** Danny Borba, Ken Olson, Mike Merenda, Joe Brasil, Bob Chandler, Ted Lyles, Kevin Bizzini, Rod Wright, Joe Velo, Tom Payne, Glen Riggs, Cliff Ball, Lanny Nelson.

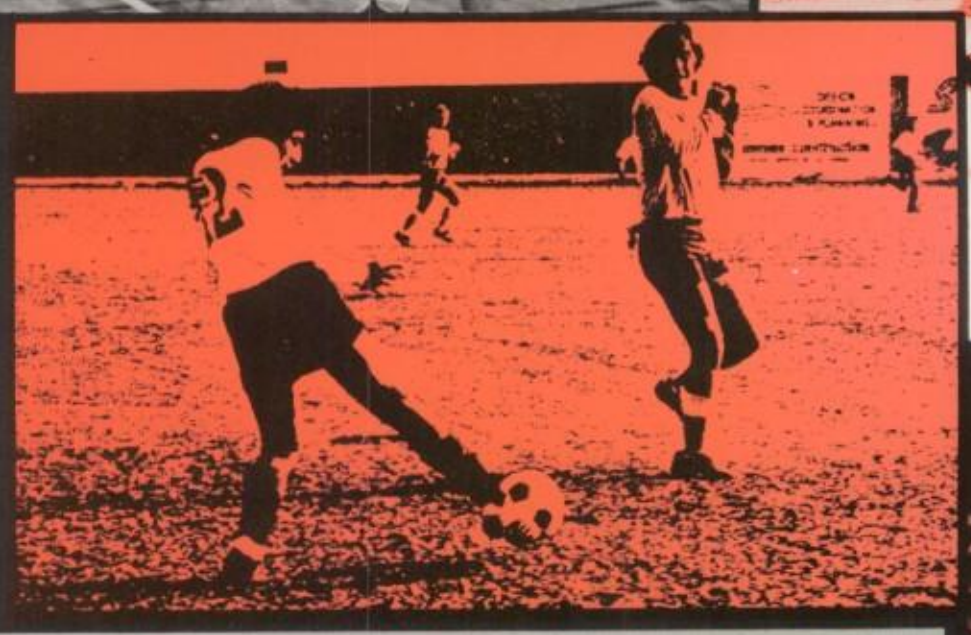
Once again subject to the disappointments of a losing athletic year, Modesto High School celebrated the exceptions of CCC championships for the Soccer Team and Girls Gymnastics.

A lack of interest expressed by the student body, combined with non-participation by many former and prospective athletes, contributed to the frequent heart-breaking losses.

Although there were more members in General Rally than in recent years, fewer showed up at games wearing their traditional outfits. With Rally finally going co-ed, a frequent sight was boys helping with 'Rally work' such as painting signs and decorating halls.

Rally Commissioners and cheerleaders faced difficulties promoting spirit with so few major victories to help them in their tasks, yet they contrived an unending variety of special days and rally skits, special activities and fun-filled events to keep the student body excited and involved in Panther Life.





Upper Left: During time out varsity Yell and Song combine to pep up the fans with a 'Red Hot' routine.
Upper Right: Kathy Fernandes dribbles down to Panther territory avoiding contact with an Atwater Falcon as Julie Henriques plans her strategy.
Above: Senior Joey Gonsalves kicks the ball which frightens his opponent by the powerful force.
Right: Brenda Wheat is dazed after just being crowned Winter Sports Queen.
Circle: Russ Miller puts the abdominal stretch in his opponent for another first Place Panther Victory.
Top: Arthur Rosenburg displays his superior talent in the high hurdles.

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Panther hopes are spoiled by poor teamwork and defeatist attitude

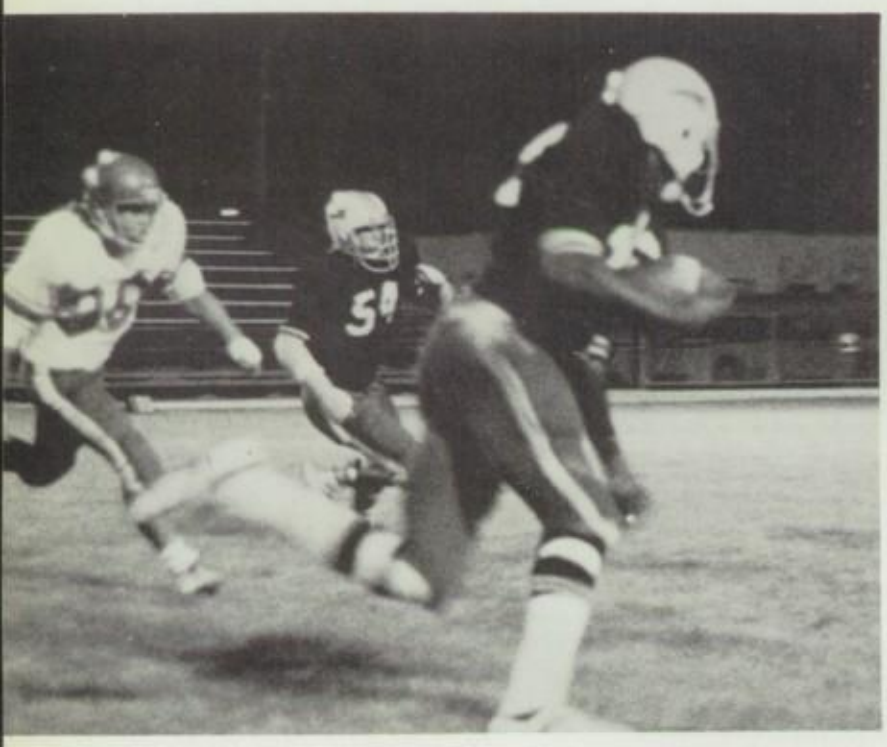
After a bad season last year, the Varsity Football Team which had been almost all juniors returned as seniors with revenge on their minds. The 7-6 victory over heavily favored Seaside seemingly promised that this would be the Year of the Panthers. But the next four games ended in defeat.

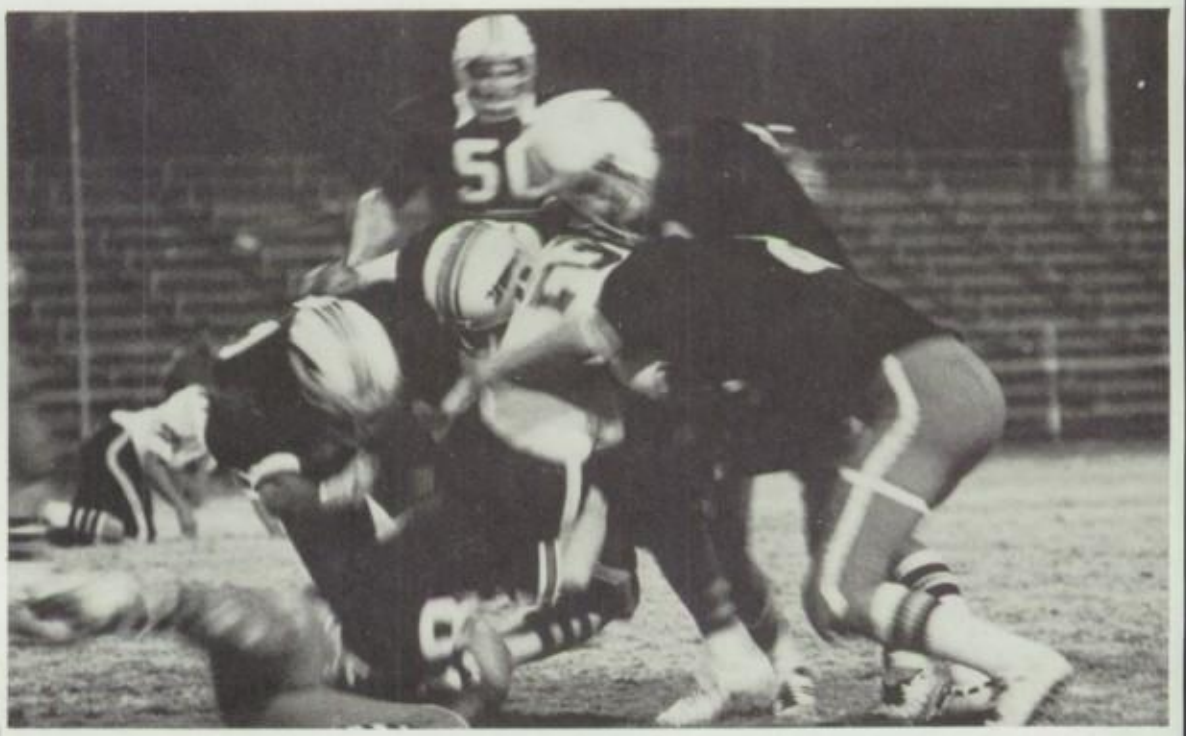
Then, against cross-town rival Beyer, MHS rallied to a 30-20 victory. Modesto's homecoming game, played for the first time against Davis, was a tie from the second quarter. The Panthers almost scored on an interception in the fourth quarter but fumbled the ball. Neither team could gain yardage as the players battled on the line.

In the City Championship against Downey the Panthers were plagued with mistakes throughout most of the game. The first quarter ended 10-6. Back on the field, the Knights scored twice on fast returns. A defeatist attitude quickly spread through the team and Downey scored again.

Summing up the poor season, split-end Bob Chandler said, "We had the potential to win during practices but when it got down to the games, we couldn't get it together. Each man on the team was as good or better than the player of the same position on any other team, but couldn't work with his fellow team mates."

Although the year ened on a bad note, the players each took pride in playing as a Panther, and, ever the optimist, Coach Don Adams left the final game eagerly looking forward to next year.





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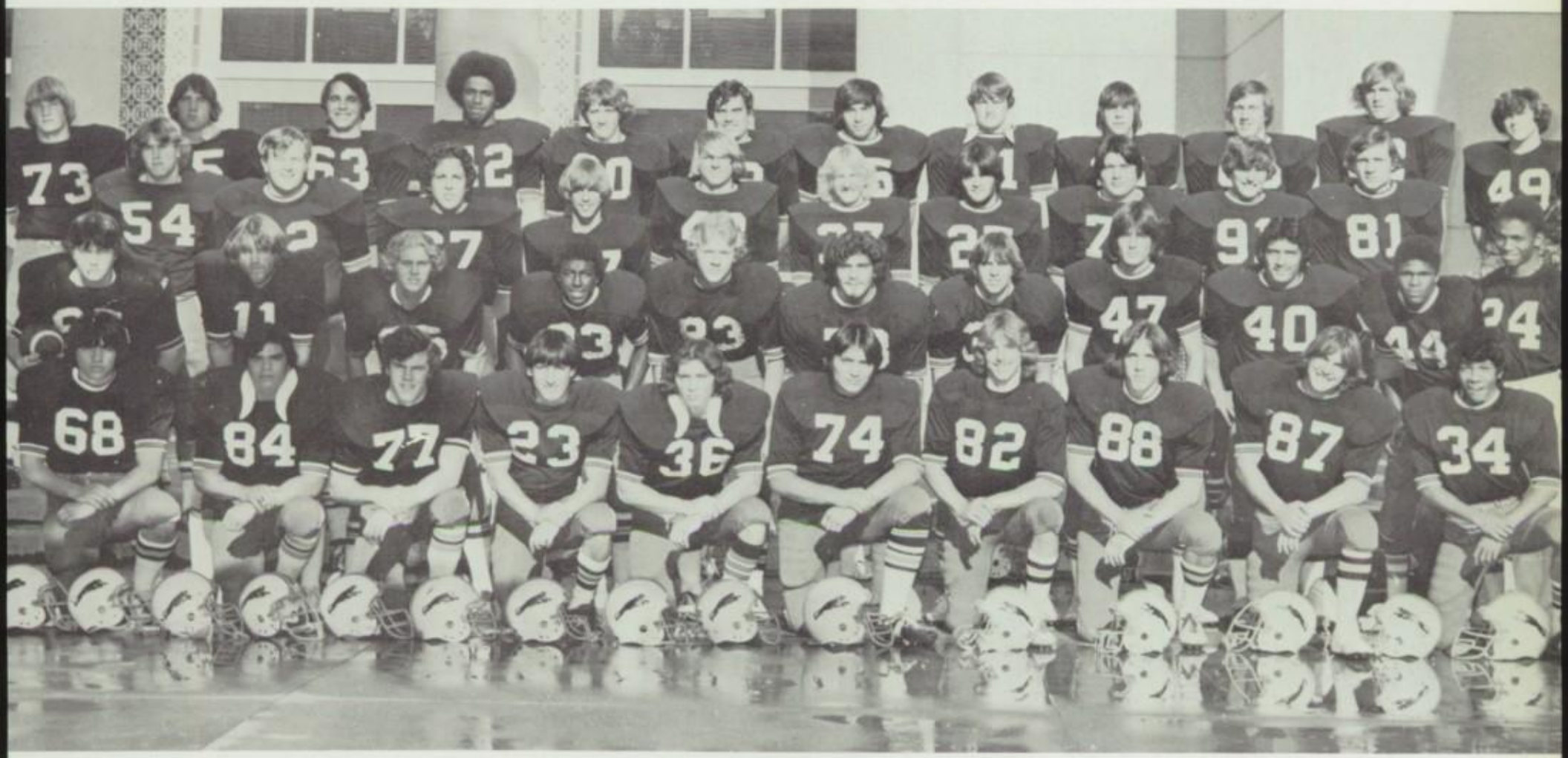
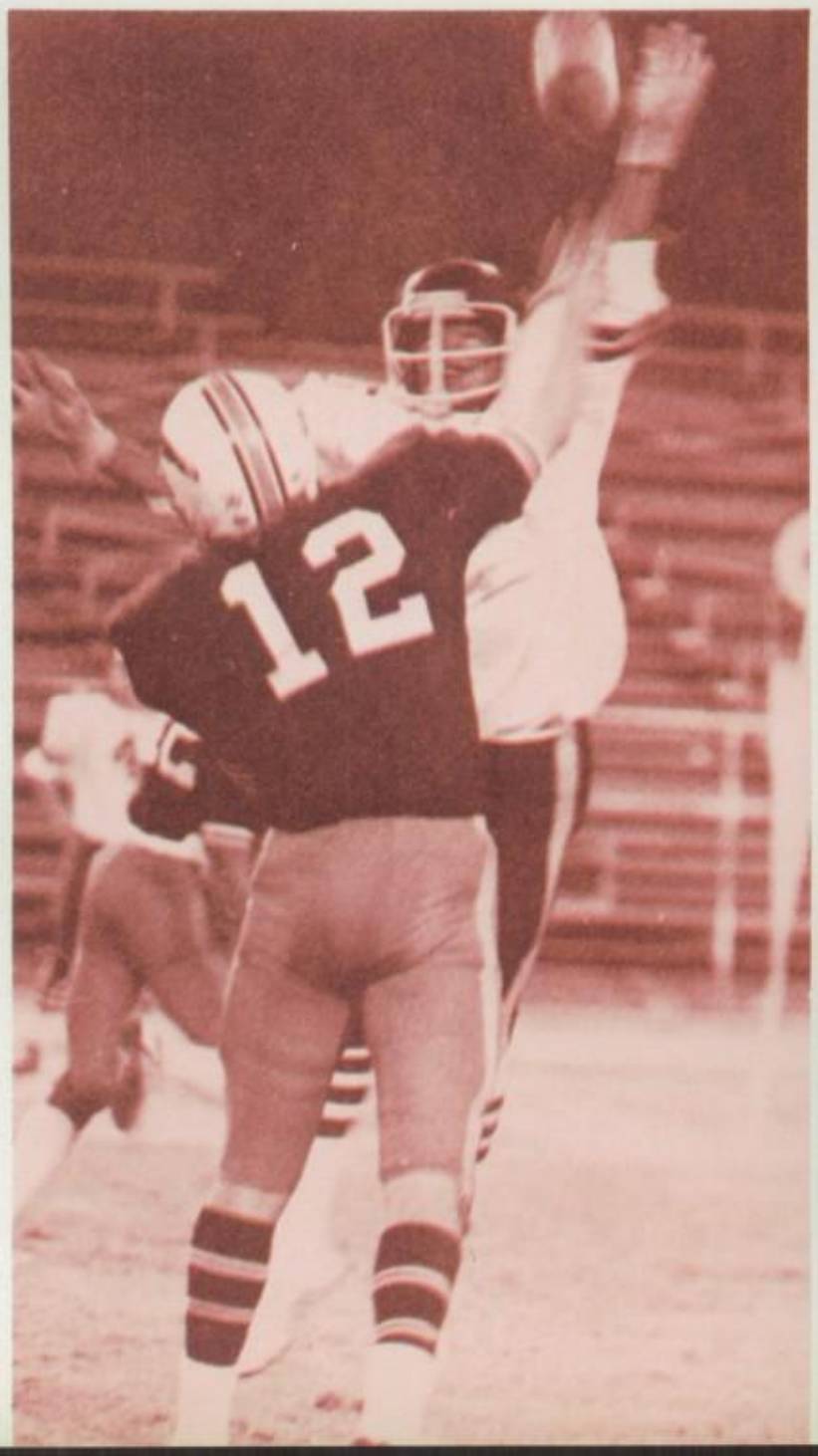
14	Atwater	16
7	Davis	7
6	Downey	30

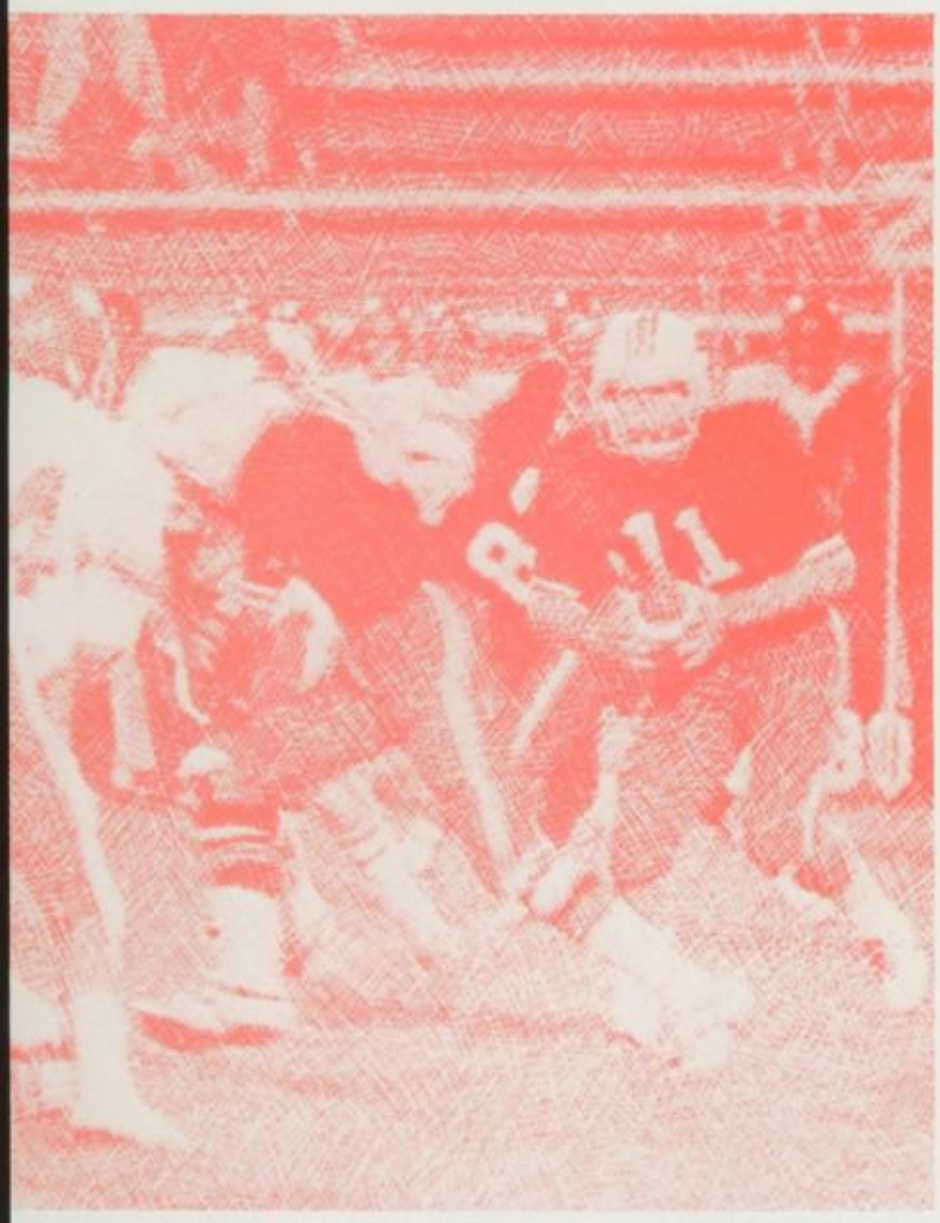
Below, Varsity Football Team, Front Row: Pascual Alvarado, Joe Velo, Mike Merenda, Javier Mendoza, Anthony Martinez, Mike Alvarado, Bob Chandler, Kelly Bizzini, Russ Smith, Gary Simpson. **Second Row:** Mike Martin, Philip Johnson, John Stover, Arthur Rosenburg, Dave Townsend, Victor Rodriguez, Alan Bertozzi, Ted Lyles, Jovel Lozada, Dave Grays, Klifton Anderson. **Third Row:** John Wilson, Tom Payne, Danny Borba, Greg Bauer, Joe Schoonover, Kieth Watts, Victor Brasil, Joey Brasil, Don Corgiat, Jeff Woodbridge. **Fourth Row:** Robbie Robbins, Kevin Bizzini, Mike Cardoza, Troy Wright, James Durham, Danny Guzzi, Larry Mendonza, Floyd Quigley, Mark Ferguson, Rocky Vinnedge, Danny May, Nicky Artino.



Upper Left: Alan Bertozzi and Troy Wright, otherwise known as 'Salt and Pepper,' take a rest while the defense is in.
Above: Speedster Arthur Rosenburg turns up the corner for one last point.
Left: Javier Mendoza boots another successful field goal
Center: Jovel Lozada, Alan Bertozzi, Bob Chandler, Mike Cardoza and Anthony Martinez massacre a Lodi runner in order to gain control of the ball.
Lower Left Center: Alan Bertozzi stampedes Beyer defenders to gain another Panther score.
Far Left: Troy Wright rapidly nears the goal while John Wilson speeds to overtake an Atwater player.



Upper Left: Danny May releases a down-field pass while Kevin Bizzini blocks his man and Alan Bertozzi completes the pattern.
Upper Right: Philip Johnson waits for halfback Alan Bertozzi to run up the middle for a connection.
Far Center Right: Philip Johnson calls a draw play up the middle to Alan Bertozzi.
Far Lower Right: Panther players cringe with the thought of the few inches lacked for another first down.
Center Right: Coach Don Adams discusses the game thus far with Mark Ferguson and adds his ideas for improvement.
Right: Danny May reaches to release his pass over the intruding defense.
Above: Panther defense rushes to stop the Atwater Falcons's running back.



Panthers billed as 'most improved team in CCC,' sport outstanding individual players

With the talent shown by members of the Varsity Football Team, it was surprising and disappointing that the Panthers did not achieve a better record, especially since they had been the pre-season favorites for the title "Most Improved Team" in the Central California Conference.

But injuries forced a major shifting of positions after the season was under way, with Phil Johnson moving to defense and junior Dan May taking the quarterback slot, which required time for the players to adjust—time they didn't have. Nonetheless, by the season's end, two players had established themselves in the statistics and were chosen to the All Conference Team. Safety Bob Chandler made the second team defense for his excellent pass coverage. Tackle Kevin Bizzini made both offense and defense first teams for his knack at reading the plays and penetrating the line. In addition, Kevin also made the All District team.

At the Fall Sports Banquet, Joe Velo was selected by his teammates as the Most Valuable Player for his outstanding performance at defensive end, and flanker Arthur Rosenburg was chosen as the Most Improved.

These players contributed much to lead the way with the willingness and spirit typical of the winning Panthers of MHS.

High hopes turn sour for Varsity Basketball Team

Beginning the season with an impressive 8-4 record in non-league play, the Panthers seemed destined for a great season. After taking third place in the Modesto City Tournament, team spirit was high. Traveling to the San Luis Obispo Tournament where they met strong competition from teams all over the state, the team placed sixth, with guard Bill McHale landing a spot on the all-tourney team.

The Panthers returned to Modesto and participated in the Ceres Invitational Tournament, showing great team effort as they walked away with first place honors by defeating the host Bulldogs in the championship game with a basket at the buzzer by senior Evan Campbell.

With that, the Panthers were picked as a top contender for the CCC crown by local sportscasters but had their hopes quickly dashed by losing their first three league games, two in overtime. The Panthers rolled over the Beyer Patriots in the fourth game only to

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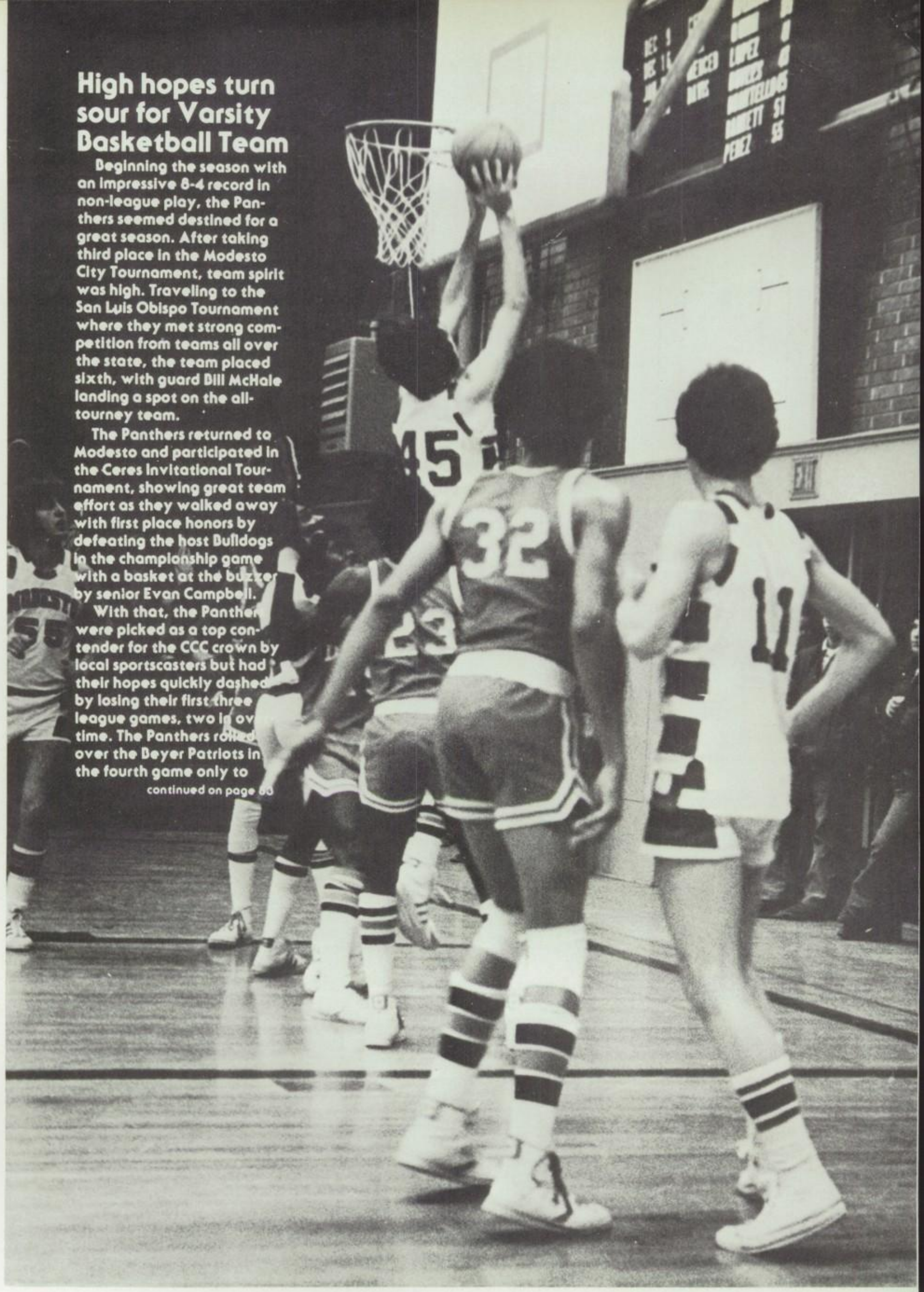
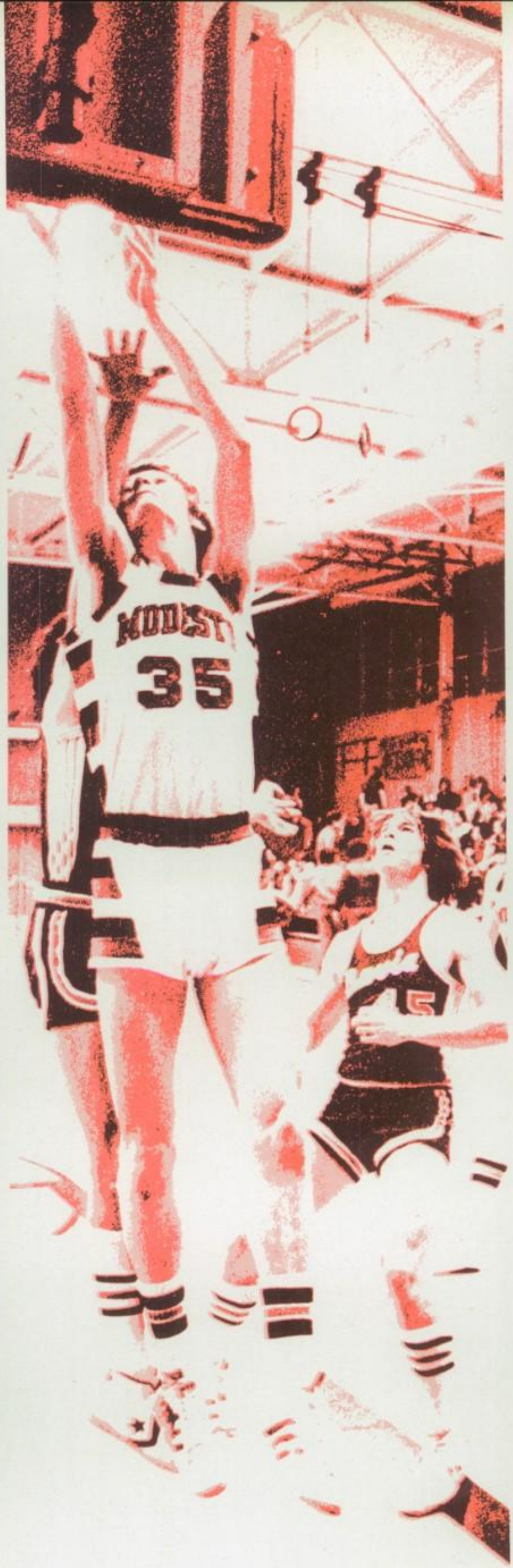
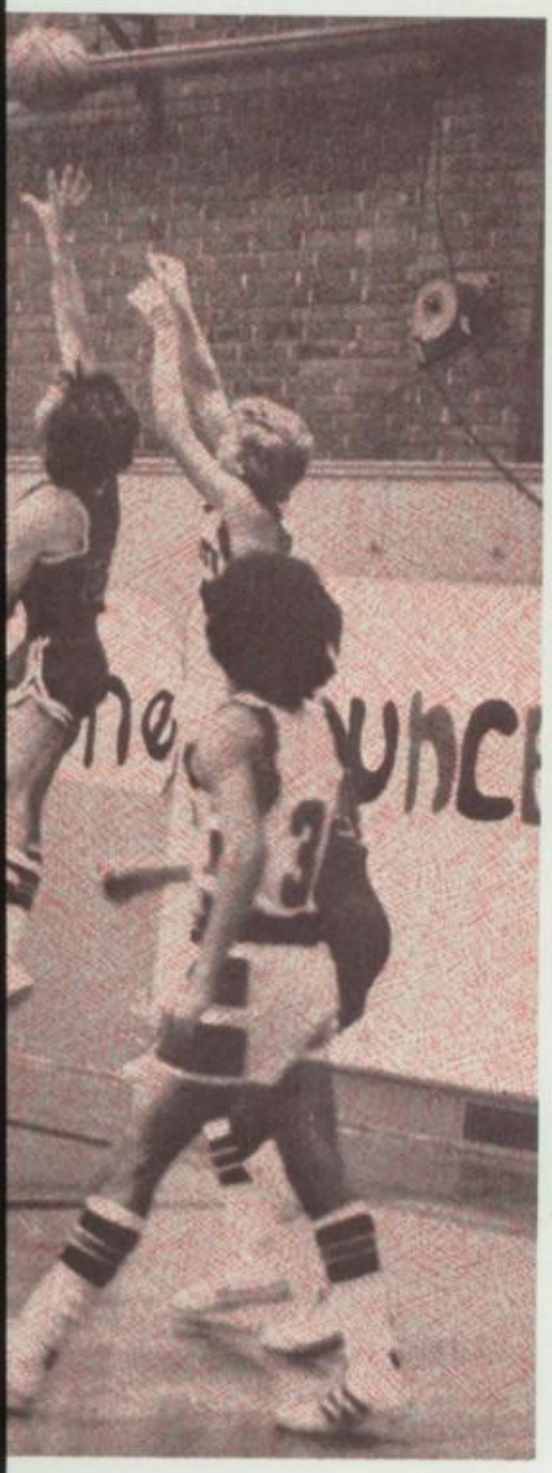


Opposite Page: In an awesome display of power, forward Steve Rocha leaps out of a crowd of Merced defensive players for two as Bill McHale looks on with confidence.
Left: Vince Pimentel guards his opponent in a full court press.
Below: While climbing above his Davis opponents, Bill McHale concentrates on the hoop.
Lower Right: Center Evan Campbell flips the ball over the high-flying Ceres center.
Lower Left: Stacy Burkes fearlessly penetrates Turlock's zone defense with the execution of a 'sky hook.'
Center, Varsity Basketball Team, Front Row: Mike Peel, Vince Pimentel, Robert Ulloa, Mark Furgeson, Kevin Grimes. Back Row: Dave Townsend, Stacy Burkes, Steve Rocha, Bill McHale, Danny May.

Below: Danny May lays another one in for MHS while Troy Wright readies for a rebound.
Right: Center Evan Campbell fights for a rebound under the hoop.
Lower Left: Bill McHale shows his magical powers of ball control as he jumps to make a basket.



Left: Game strategy is discussed by Robert Ulloa, Stacey Burkes, Rocky Vinnedge, Kevin Grimes and Vince Pimental.
Below: Vince Pimental pulls up for a jump shot at the top of the key.
Lower Right: Stacey Burkes shows great determination while struggling for control of the ball.
Lower Left: David Townsend takes another shot from the baseline.



Modesto		Opponent
54	Oakdale	51
51	Central	31
49	Downey	59
62	Beyer	52
47	Ceres	37
58	Lincoln	83
56	West High	43
58	South High	65
52	Central	36
46	Oakdale	49
49	Denair	44
51	Ceres	50
52	Downey	53
59	Turlock	68
58	Atwater	75
51	Beyer	33
49	Merced	55
47	Davis	48
55	Downey	80
39	Turlock	61
41	Atwater	55
54	Beyer	68
44	Merced	67
53	Davis	79

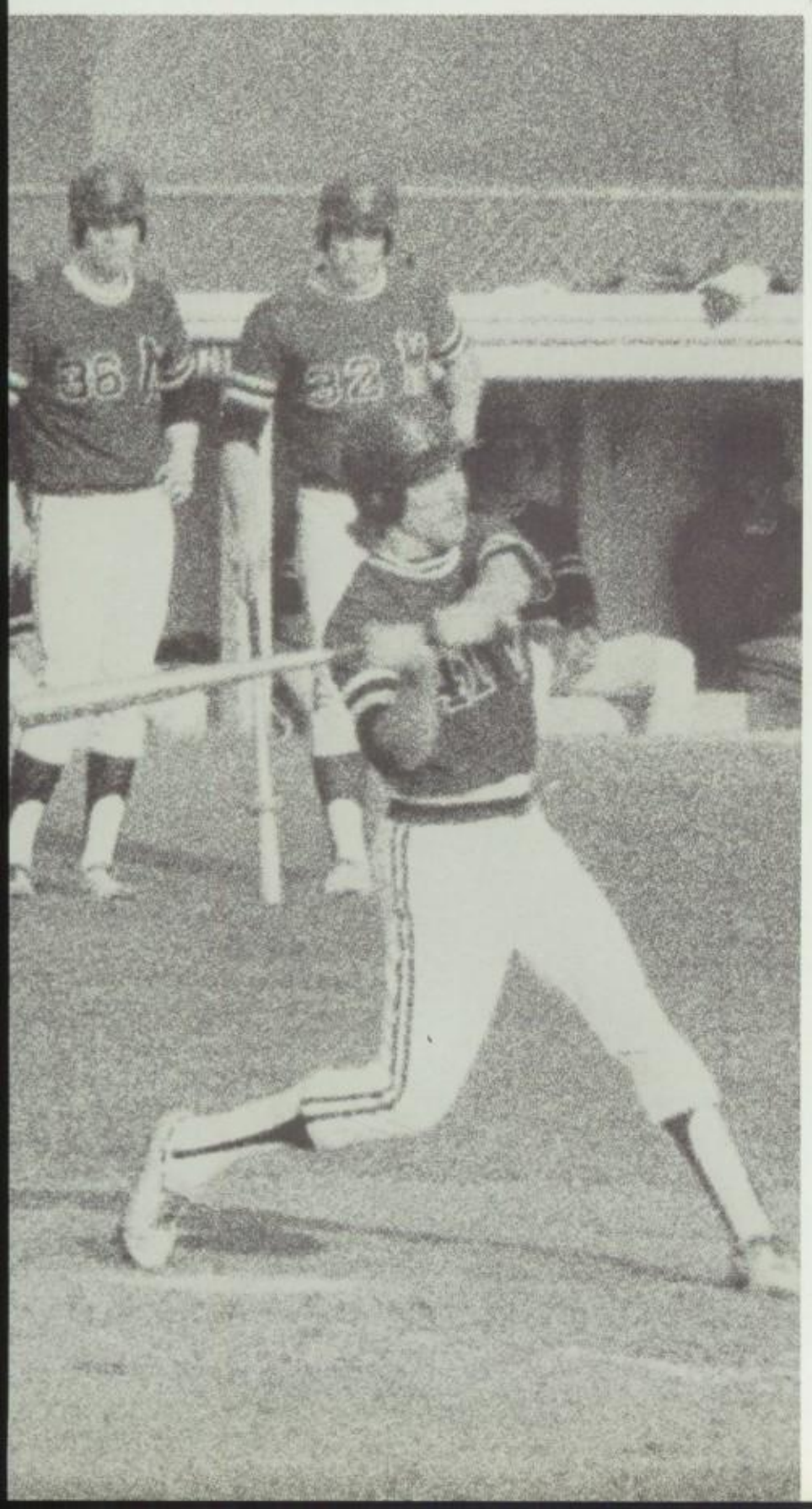
have the win forfeited due to an ineligible player. The Panthers lost the next game in overtime and the sixth with a basket at the buzzer by Davis.

Termed "The Heart-Break Kids," the MHS Cagers entered the second half of the season short two men and depressed, falling victim to the 'run and gun' tactics of their opponents. Despite the outstanding effort of the league's leading scorer, forward Steve Rocha (with a 24.6 league average), and the dazzling ball control of play-making guard Bill McHale, the Panthers ended the CCC season without a win. Steve's consistently outstanding play earned him a spot on the All-CCC First Team with Bill securing a CCC Honorable Mention.

Despite their losing record in league play, the Panthers were respected by the other teams as potential victors rather than victims. Coach Cole stated, "With a few breaks the other way the team could have easily been a contender for the CCC crown."

Right: Brian Cooper cocks back and stretches out before drilling a fast ball as Jeff Woodbridge prepares to field a hit.
Far Right: On the mound, Phil Johnson confers with Larry Christiansen in choosing pitching strategies for the upcoming batters.
Lower Right: James Dorton darts back to first to avoid a 'pick-off.'
Below: Shortstop Kelly Bizzini lands to the ground after snatching an off-target line drive.

Right, Varsity Baseball Team, First Row: John Wilson, Javier Mendoza, Brian Cooper, Bob Chandler, Ty Angle, Phil Johnson. **Second Row:** Coach Martin Boer, James Dorton, Jeff Woodbridge, Andy Edwards, Danny Guzzi, Robert Martinez, Larry Christiansen. **Back Row:** Mark Furguson, Rocky Vinnedge, Kelly Bizzini, Steve Rocha, Kevin Bizzini, Larry Mendonza.



Left: Showing excellent form and power, Javier Mendoza bites into a single.
Below: First baseman Kevin Bizzini digs a low throw out of the dirt before the runner arrives.
Lower Left: With his own style, Bob Chandler steps into a base hit, as Larry Christiansen and Kelly Bizzini await their turns.

Unique camaraderie exists within balanced Varsity Baseball Team

The Varsity Baseball Team started the season on the right note by beating Riverbank in the first game, 5-1. With Mr. Martin Boer coaching varsity for the first time (he was previously the sophomore coach), the team had four second-year pitchers along with four other returning starters at various positions. These men, and the pitchers, formed the nucleus of the team: Kelly Bizzini, Bob Chandler, Javier Mendoza and Kevin Bizzini.

The pitching staff, consisting of seniors Larry Christiansen, Robert Martinez, Steve Rocha, Andy Edwards, and junior Brian Cooper, was a consistent one with equal talent from each player who took the mound, according to Coach Boer. However, three of them were left-handed providing an added advantage.

Boer said his team was better than last year's, although there were no real 'power' hitters. No one stood out especially, but it was a solid, well-balanced team, and Boer said this contributed to an attitude of respect and support between the eighteen players.

Varsity Spirit Leaders accomplish much, fill students with enthusiasm

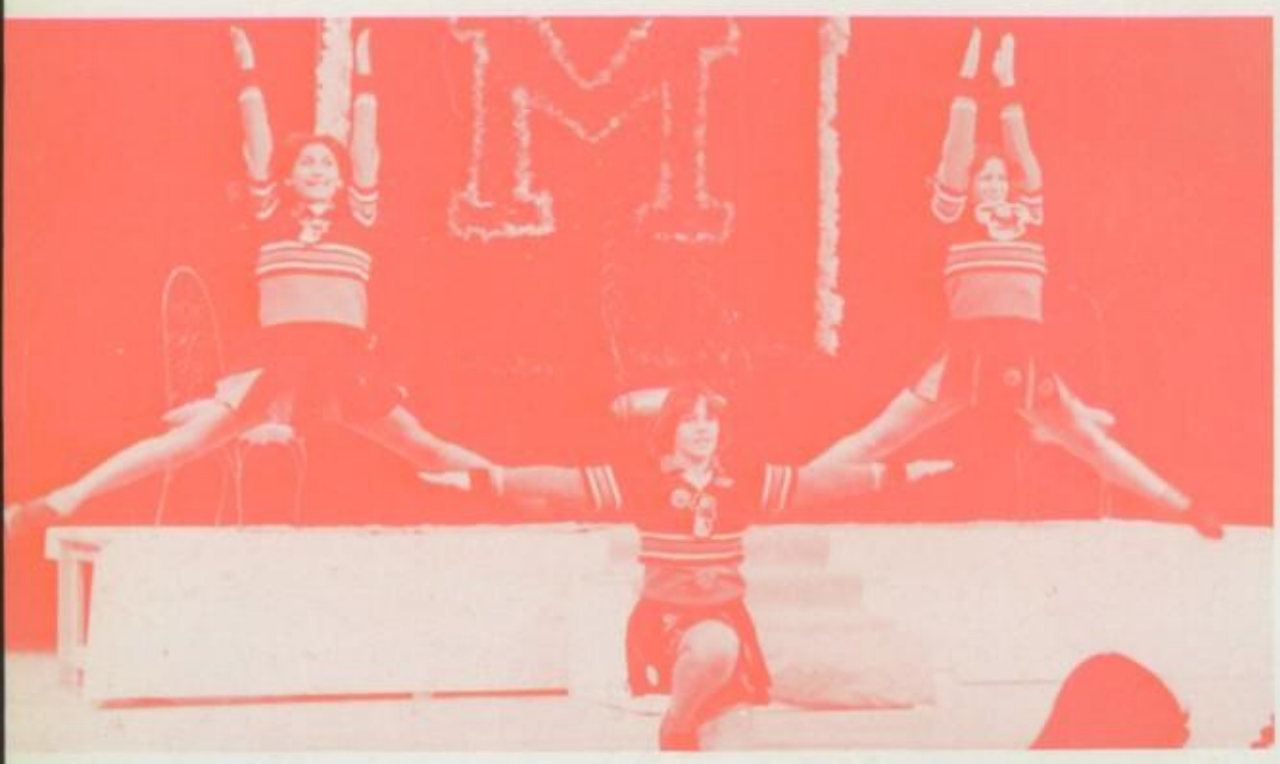
Promoting spirit and enthusiasm and providing student leadership are the primary functions of the Varsity Spirit Leaders. Emerging from their long list of activities is a feeling of unity which spreads throughout the student body in support of the wide-ranging athletic program.

A new idea was implemented in which the term of office for Varsity Spirit Leaders was extended to cover the entire year instead of only one semester. While this change gave the cheerleaders more latitude in planning their routines and activities, it also meant additional preasures and expenses not connected with the job in the past.

The varsity song and yell leaders began money-raising activities early in the summer to earn the money for their outfits and camp.

Songleaders recieved high honors at a cheerleader camp they attended in Santa Barbara. Yell leaders were awarded the "Spirit Stick" for their great enthusiasm while attending a workshop at Stanford University.

The mascots, Percy and Priscilla, were as much an inspiration as the cheerleaders. Their crazy antics and amusing skits at games and rallies served as an entertaining way to maintain the spirits of the entire student body.



Upper Center: Spirit Leaders get into the mood of the Okie Rally, presenting a chant as they sit around on the haystack.
Far Center Right: Varsity Songleaders Susie Campbell, Laurie Liebes, Susan Alonzo, and MaryAnn Henriquez spend Friday evening cheering for the varsity football team.
Far Lower Right: Gloria Catzalco enthusiastically executes a yell routine for the basketball team.
Center Right: Preparing to ridicule the Beyer Bunnies, Priscilla and Percy, alias Martha Ketchum and Suzanne Fisher, get ready to 'mo-ped' around the field during their pre-game antics.
Right: Their hands raised in loyalty, Connie Jimenez annd Brenda Wheat proudly sing the school hymn.
Above: "Jump, jump sky high" is what seems to be in Betty Beasley's and Jaylene Tuggle's minds as they join varsity yell leader Robin Barnhill in a yell.

Left, Varsity Song and Yell Leaders: Front Row, Mascots: Martha Ketchum, Suzanne Fisher. **Middle Row:** Susie Campell, Betty Beasley, Connie Jimenez, Brenda Wheat, Robin Barnhill. **Back Row:** Lisa Bentley, MaryAnn Henriques, Sherri Ulloa, Susan Alonzo.

Sophomore Cheerleaders complement class spirit; Freshman Yell lives up to Panther expections

Freshman and Sophomore Spirit Leaders led their classes in boosting enthusiasm to all-new highs.

The sophomore cheerleading squad consisted of four yell and four song-leaders. Unlike the varsity squad, sophomores chose the traditional fall and spring spiritleaders instead of keeping one squad for the whole year, since there were many girls trying out for the honored role of cheerleader.

Sophomore spirit ran high, and upperclassmen were surprised by the newfound ability of the Class of '80 to consistently win the Pep-O-Meter contest at rallies.

The freshmen chose four yell leaders for fall and four others for winter/spring. Those chosen for fall faced a difficult task: they had to provide the initial spark of Panther enthusiasm for the Class of '81. Their success in achieving this goal was evident, as freshmam spirit continued to increase throughout the year. The spring yell leaders easily maintained the spirit which is a traditional part of Panther Life.

Lower Right: Getting into the spirit, Nina Satrilas and Jessica Potts sound off for Modesto High.
Center Right: Executing a ripple, sophomore song leaders Raydene Travoa, Pam White, Teri Peltz and Julie Curfman perform at the Turlock rally.
Right: Sharon Lubeck and Gwendy Hurst jitterbug together at the 50's rally.
Above: Spring Sophomore spirit leaders Ursula Spani, Raydene Travoa, Pam White, Robin Miller, Terri Peltz, Peggy Palmer and Carol Johnson tell the crowd that "Downey" means "N-O-T-H-I-N-G-" to them.

Left: Bunny McHale cheers on the football team as they prepare to score.
Below: Freshman Cheerleaders Suzanne Ostorero, Susan Casey, Tami Walker, and Lisa White 'get rowdy' at a freshman basketball game.
Far Left, Freshman Spirit Leaders, Front: Susan Casey, Tami Walker, Suzanne Ostorero. **Center:** Lisa White. **Back Row:** Genise Van Duyn, Ellen McHale, Rhonda Bradley, Susan Singleton.

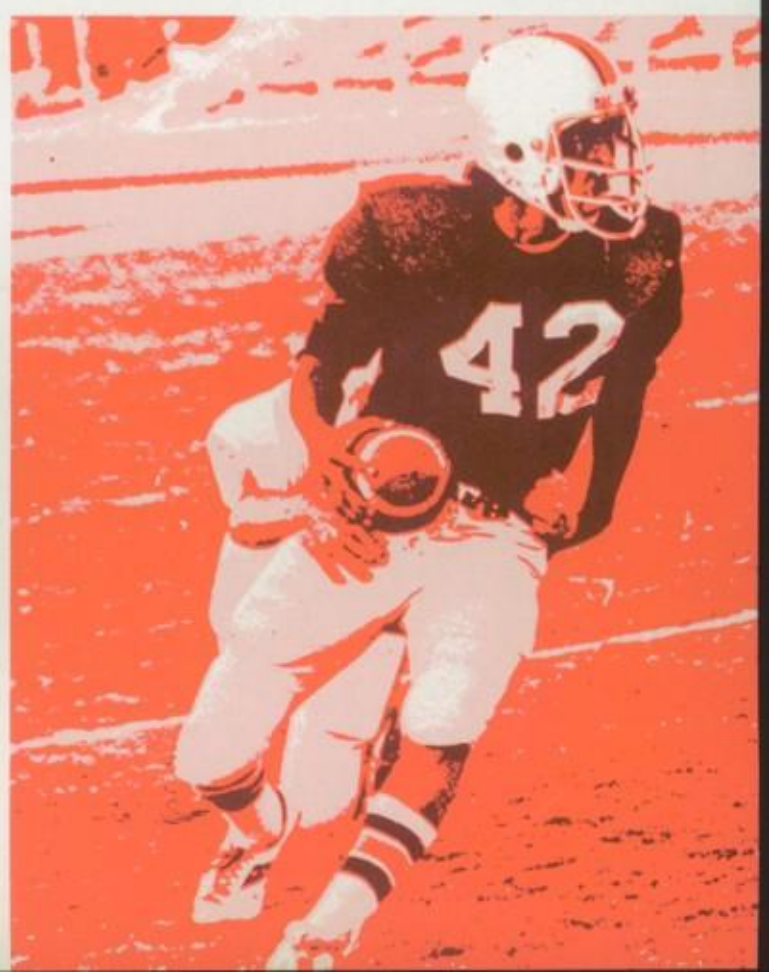
Above, Sophomore Spirit Leaders, Front Row: Nina Satrilas, Donna Payne, Doreen Tuggle, Peggy Palmer, Ursula Spani. **Back Row:** Jessica Potts, Sharon Lubeck, Gwendy Hurst, Anita Nation, Raydene Travoa, Pam White, Teri Peltz, Julie Curfman.

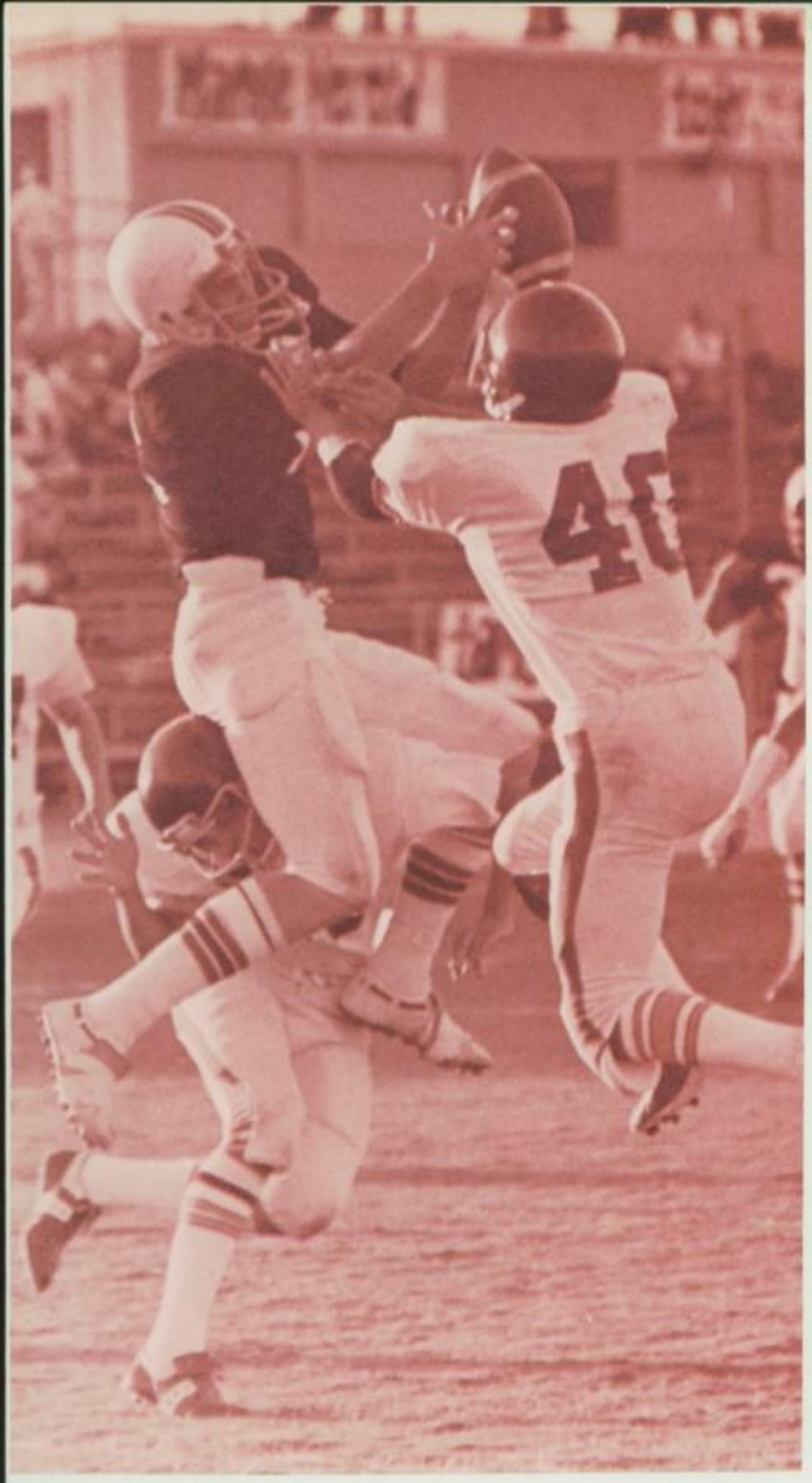
Talented Sophomore Football Team lacks depth needed for victories

It was a trying season for the Sophomore Football Team which went into the first game with thirty players but closed the season with only twenty-two remaining in playing condition: the rest had been eliminated due to illness or injury. For one game, only seventeen players were able to suit up.

Despite persistent injuries and lack of depth, the team bettered last year's record in achieving a 2-7-1 mark. In the first game, the sophomore Panthers crushed Seaside of Monterey, paving the way for their varsity counterparts to win later that evening. The

Below, Sophomore Football Team, Front Row: Mike Bizzini, Gentry Quinn, Mick Hardenbrook, Cliff Hoke, Brian Miller, Ed Jackson, Alan Bodeford, Mike Imelio. **Middle Row:** Bob Silva, Lionel Mendoza, David Page, Dave Stien, Ruben Martinez, George Soares, Bill Machado, Jose Perez, John Barnett. **Back Row:** Pat McKee, Ron Baker, Ed Armstrong, Rick Chambers, Kevin George, Mike Hyer, Darrell Boyles, Tim Schoonover.





other victory came over Atwater, and the tie was against an 80-man Merced squad.

Assistant coach Bob Cole pronounced it a good year, considering the number of players involved, saying that each was "especially hard-working." Outstanding offensive players included running back Gentry Quinn, quarterback and wide receiver Darrell Boyles, quarterback Brian Miller, and linemen Ruben Martinez and Mike Hyer. Martinez and Hyer also proved themselves defensively along with defensive end Kevin George.

Assistant coach Paul Abby felt the team gave its best despite the disappointing season: "Every time we lost, we were beat in the last part of the game when there were no more reserves left to play."

MODESTO	OPPONENT	
25	Seaside	0
0	Manteca	20
0	Lodi	12
6	Merced	6
7	Turlock	28
7	Beyer	12
13	Edison	20
19	Atwater	9
20	Davis	39
7	Downey	20

Far Upper Left: Brian Miller strives for yardage as a Merced defender pulls him to the ground.
Upper Left: Darrell Boyles skillfully pulls in a touchdown pass while being sandwiched between two Merced defenders.
Above: Mike Hyer, Ruben Martinez and Tim Schoonover sack a Merced rusher as Ron Baker prepares to pile on.
Left: Modesto defenders stop a Beyer rusher dead in his tracks for a five-yard loss.
Center Left: Gentry Quinn breaks a tackle while looking for yardage against Merced.
Far Left: Darrell Boyles steps back to pass as supercharged Panther linemen resist the wave of defenders.

Potent Frosh Football Team shows promise as a future CCC power

With a record of 5-2-1 the Frosh Football Team finished second in league play, and outdistanced their own upperclassmen for the first time in many years.

Under the guidance of head coach Marty Boer and assistants Ken Finch and Pete Rocha, the MHS Kittens were tied for the league lead with Davis High until the end of the season, losing the final game to Downey.

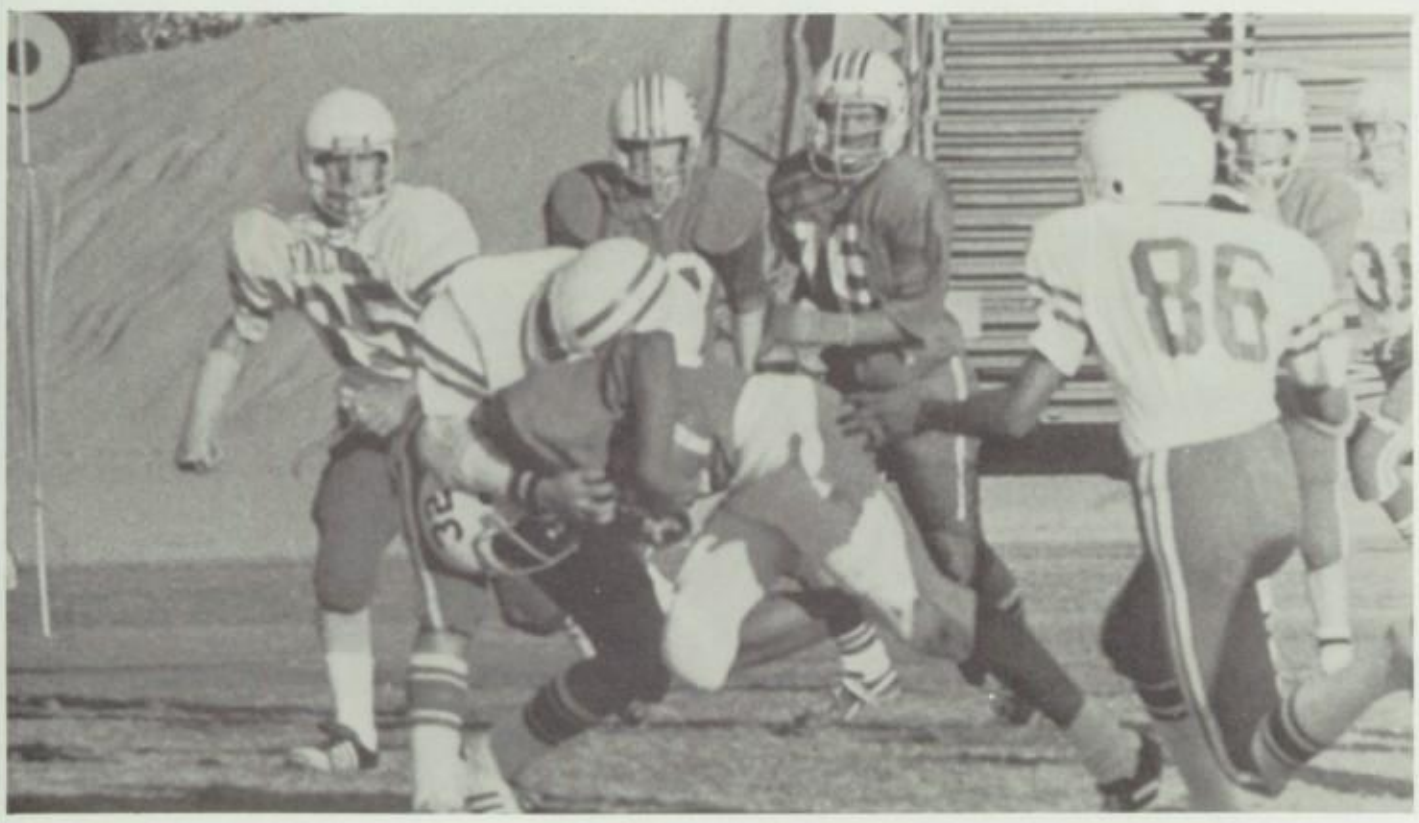
Led offensively by the quick running of Richard Young and blocking of Bill McGill, Ed Faria and Don Boucher, the team also profited from the timely passing of Mark Ketchum to receivers Frank Gonzales, Robert Figueroa, and Charles Tademy.

Defensively, the team was kept under control by 'Mad-Dog' Mike Lewis, Gil Rosenberg, Jeff Scoggins, and McGill, Faria, Figueroa, and Gonzales.

Upper Left: Robert Grays makes a break through the Atwater defensive line while Don Boucher adds protection.
Upper Center: Mark Ketchum quickly unleashes a pass before being tackled.
Upper Right: Panther Don Boucher scrambles for a loose ball amid many opposing players.

Far Lower Right: Richard Young puts the hurt on an opposing Falcon while gaining yardage for the Panthers.
Right: Joe Galvez skillfully punts the ball deep into Beyer's territory.
Above: Ricky Bell leads the way through the Atwater defense for halfback Richard Young.

MODESTO		OPPONENT
26	Ceres	6
6	Oakdale	22
28	Merced	6
24	Turlock	16
16	Beyer	8
12	Atwater	6
6	Davis	6
8	Downey	14



Above, Freshman Football Team, Front Row: L. Grays, R. Davis, J. O'Dell, M. Cain, N. Gallardo, P. Harrison, P. Bell, J. Naylor, M. Davis, R. Grays. **Second Row:** R. Ayala, C. Heredia, A. Martinez, J. Scoggin, M. Warren, J. Verrisimo, R. Young, R. Chambers, M. Ketchum, J. Ables. **Third Row:** Coach Boer, C. Gracia, G. Rosenberg, E. Faria, G. Amaya, G. Brass, D. Boucher, J. Galvez, C. Tademy, S. McManus, M. Lewis, Coach Rocha. **Back Row:** F. Gonzales, R. Figeroa, A. Barnett, F. Miller, D. Howell, B. McGill, Coach Finch.

Determined Sophomore Basketball Team flaunts best record in seven years, wins big at tournaments

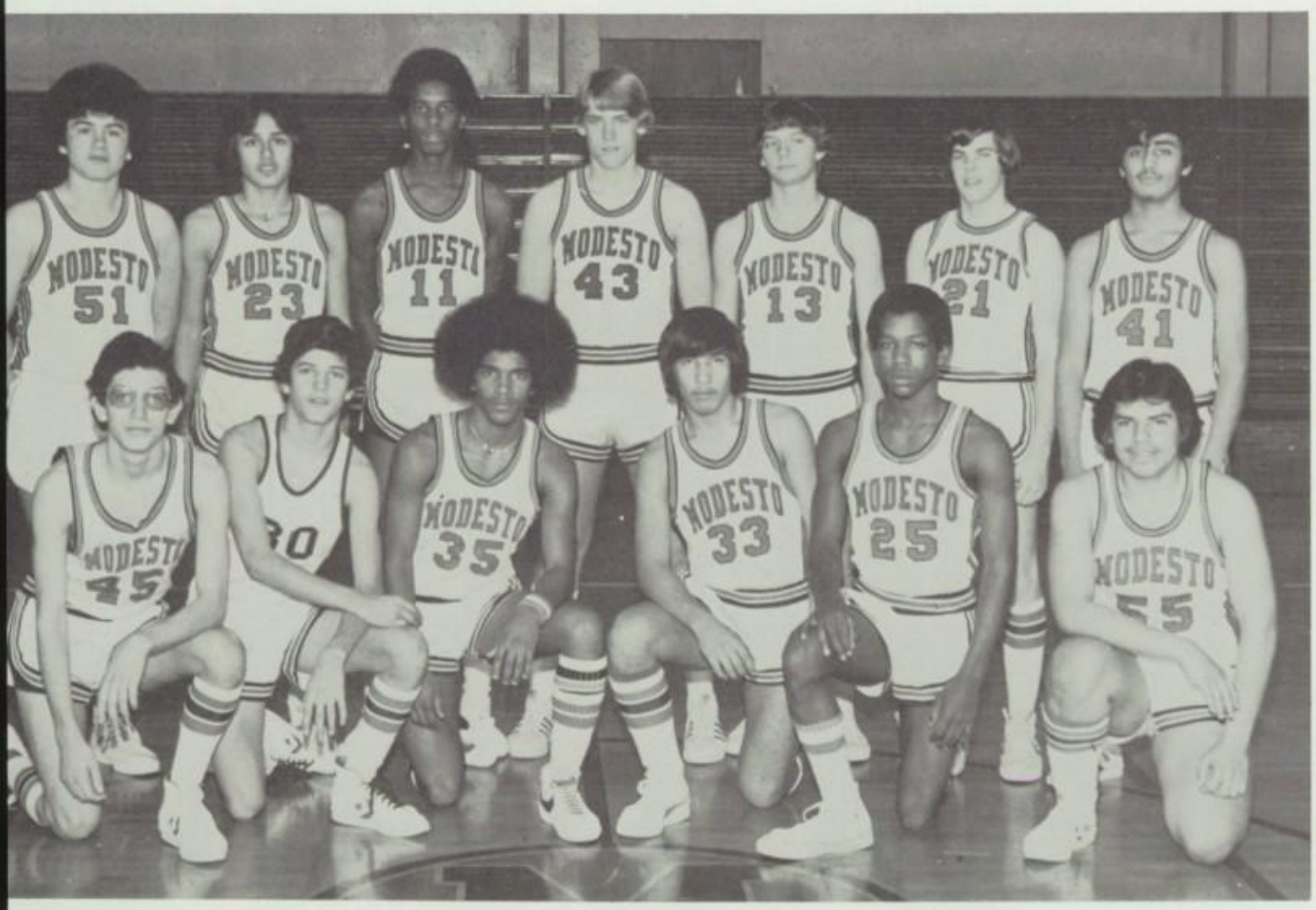
Persistent determination and self-possessed talent carried the Sophomore Basketball Team through a tough yet rewarding season. Placing forth in the Central California Conference with fourteen wins in 24 games, the MHS squad boasted the best record in seven years.

Following the outstanding leadership of head coach Paul Abby, the young Panthers captured first place in the Central Catholic High Tournament and took the consolation bracket in the Oakdale Holiday Classic. Adding to their accomplishments were victories over Davis and Turlock, which occured twice during season play.

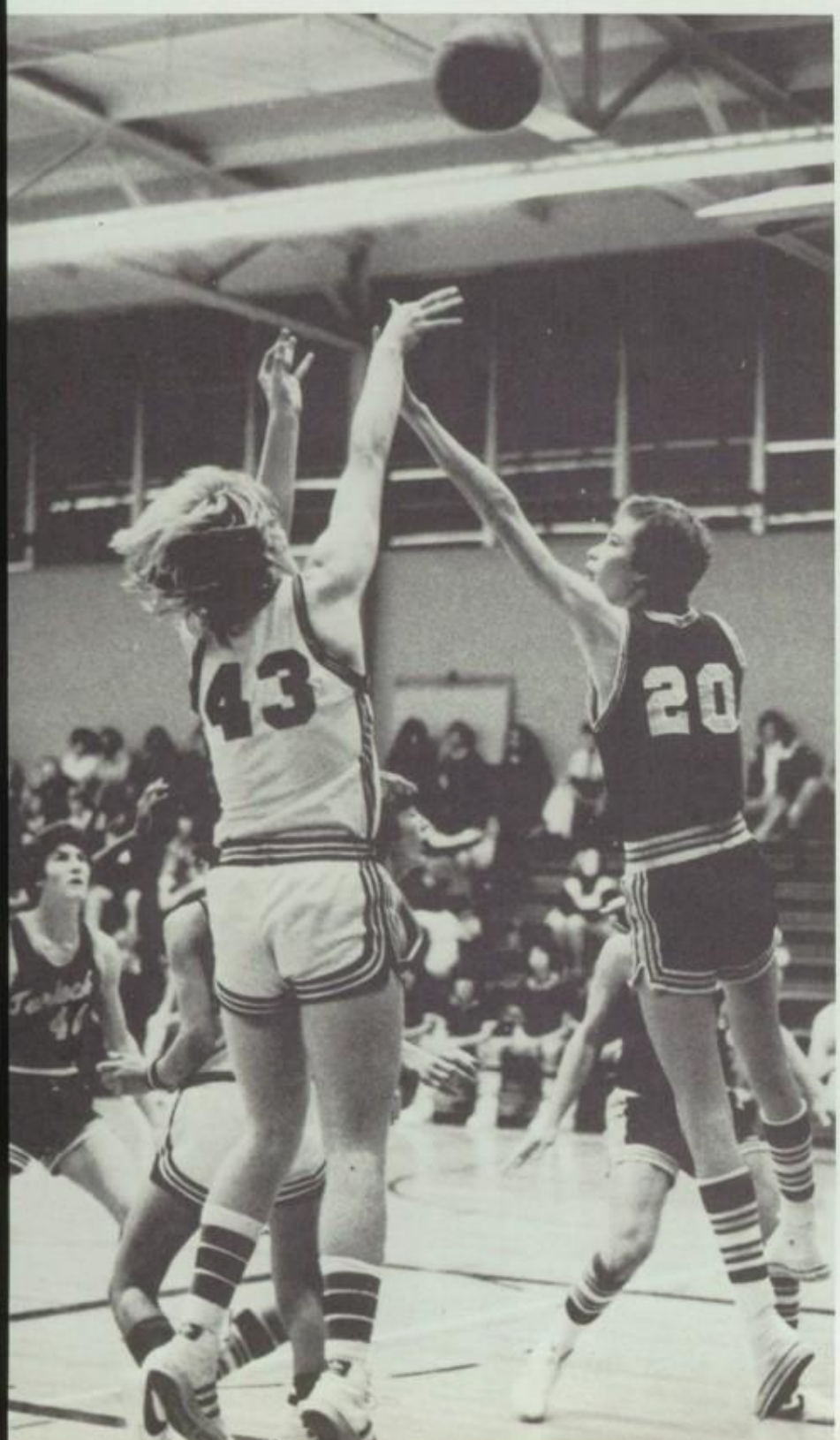
Through constant practice and many substantial wins, the well-rounded kittens closed the season with sharper skills and a greater prospect as future varsity players.

Right: Outreaching a Davis opponent for the rebound, Frank Gonzales and Gentry Quinn display the fine element of teamwork.
Below: Studying the outcome of a wild shot, Darrell Boyles, Guerimo Lopez, Eddie Armstrong, and Ed Bonitello prepare to make their next moves.

Modesto	Opponent				
33	Oakdale	31	23	Downey	52
57	Central	39	45	Turlock	39
48	Downey	23	52	Atwater	51
28	Davis	49	49	Beyer	51
53	Ceres	29	36	Merced	40
53	Central	32	48	Davis	38
62	Oakdale	48	41	Downey	65
48	Turlock	52	53	Turlock	42
47	Riverbank	42	41	Atwater	45
39	Central	34	51	Beyer	42
43	Hughson	30	45	Merced	69
45	Davis	41	26	Davis	50

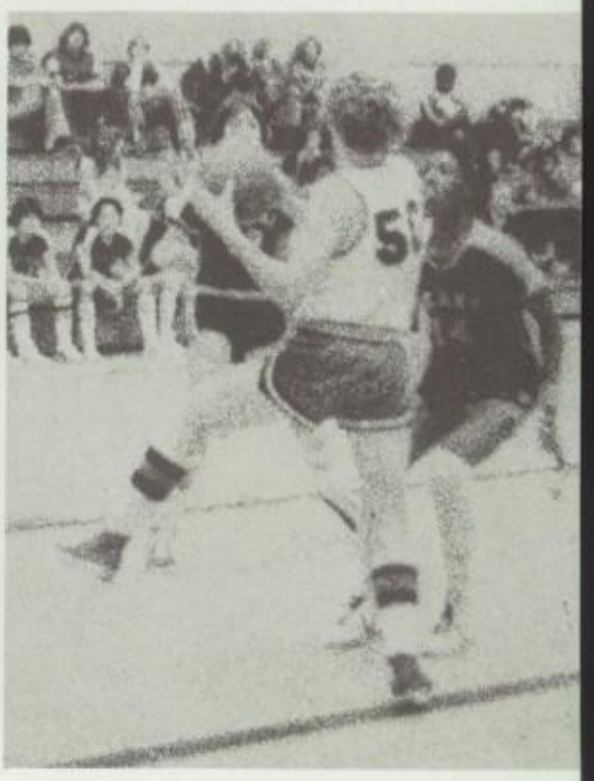


Left, Sophomore Basketball team, Front Row: Ed Bonitello, Carlos Heredia, Gentry Quinn, Vince Aflogue, Eddie Armstrong, Albert Perez. **Back Row:** Tony Barnett, Frank Gonzales, Wayne smith, Darrell Boyles, Eddie Faria, Mark Soukup, Guerimo Lopez.



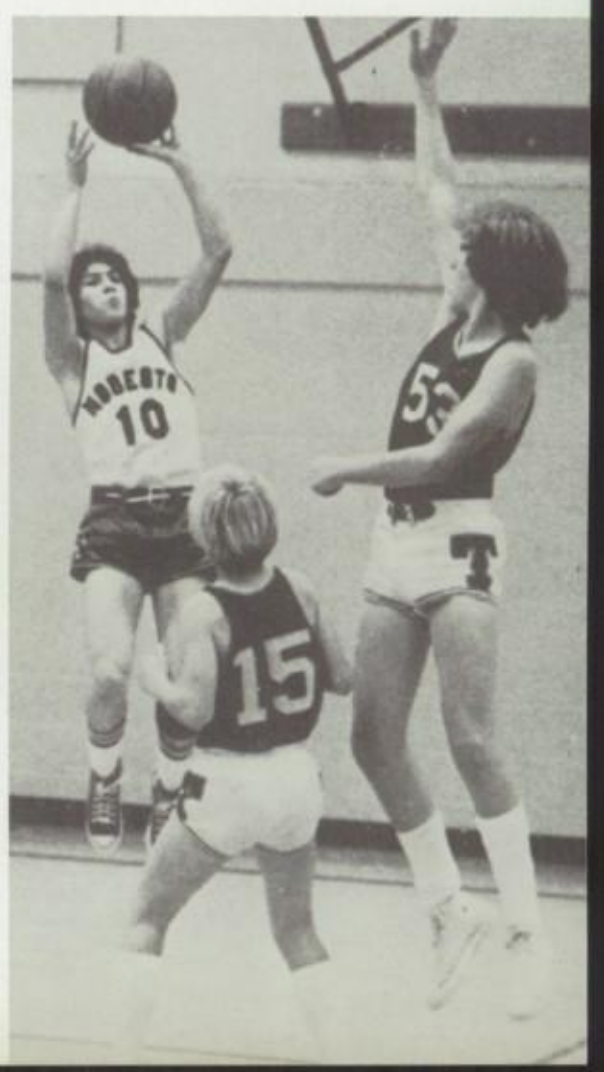
Above: Ed Bonetello prepares to pass while under heavy guard.
Left: Dodging through a tough Turlock defense, Gentry Quinn sights the basket.
Center Left: Showing dynamic skill, Darrell Boyles adds another two points to the panther's score.
Far Left: Frank Gonsales, Ed Bonitello, Wayne Smith, and Darrell Boyles team-up for a rebound.
Center: Darrell Boyles and Guillermo Lopez pressure a Turlock opponent.

Front Row: John O'Dell, Pancho Alvarado, Charles Tademy, Derek Shuman, Gary Powell. **Second Row:** Jeff Scoggin, Johnny Palamares, Doug Peel, Eric Rios, Michael Cain. **Third Row:** Danny Barksdale, Richard Young, Tony Rocha, Pete Sandoval, Kurry Crane, Robert Aguirre.



Frosh A Scores

Modesto		Opponent
35	Merced	51
31	Downey	42
28	Turlock	61
23	Atwater	29
28	Beyer	61
36	Merced	32
38	Davis	50
54	Downey	56
42	Turlock	45
47	Atwater	72
52	Beyer	73



Left: Curry Crane successfully completes the play while Tony Rocha and Pete Sandoval rush to the rebound and Richard Young moves in.
Below: Charles Tademy dribbles around the Turlock defense and gets ready to pass on the fast break.
Center Right: Richard Young shoots over Davis Spartans for another two points.
Lower Right: Mike Cain lunges through the opening in Turlock's defense and Gary Powell gives him room.
Lower Center: John O'Dell shoots over two Turlock defenders.
Left Center: Derek Shuman brings down a rebound against the Merced Bears.
Far Lower Left: Richard Young recovers a loose ball while Pete Sandoval and Tony Rocha await a pass.
Far Left: Tony Rocha and Kurry Crane battle for the rebound as Pete Sandoval and Danny Barksdale await the fast break.

Frosh Basketball loses close ones

The freshman basketball squads, composed of an 'A' and a 'B' team, consistently fell victim to their own mistakes. Having suffered five losses in the first five games, the 'A' team stung Merced for a win in the sixth, only to lose all of their remaining games.

The 'B' team did only a little better by winning two of their games, the first coming in the fourth game against Atwater. The second victory came in the final game of the season with credits for a tremendous performance going to the two centers, Derek Shuman and Charles Tademy, and also to forward Pancho Alvarado. Shuman scored 72 season points to earn him the distinction of the 'B' team's leading scorer. Richard Young, who started as guard for the 'A's,' led his team with a season total of 177 points.

Some of the more outstanding freshmen, whose contributions might have converted losses into wins, were promoted to the sophomore team in order to compensate for its small size. Many of the last games were lost by only slight margins, in which another skillful player might have made the difference.

Frosh B Scores

Modesto		Opponent
25	Merced	70
25	Downey	26
25	Turlock	41
26	Atwater	24
36	Beyer	45
27	Merced	62
25	Davis	40
39	Downey	51
36	Atwater	46
46	Beyer	38

Aggressive Soph Team plays it smart; Frosh Team is big on hustle

With the motto of 'a run for every inning,' the Sophomore Baseball Team was especially aggressive on offense, and relied on swift base running combined with timely hitting.

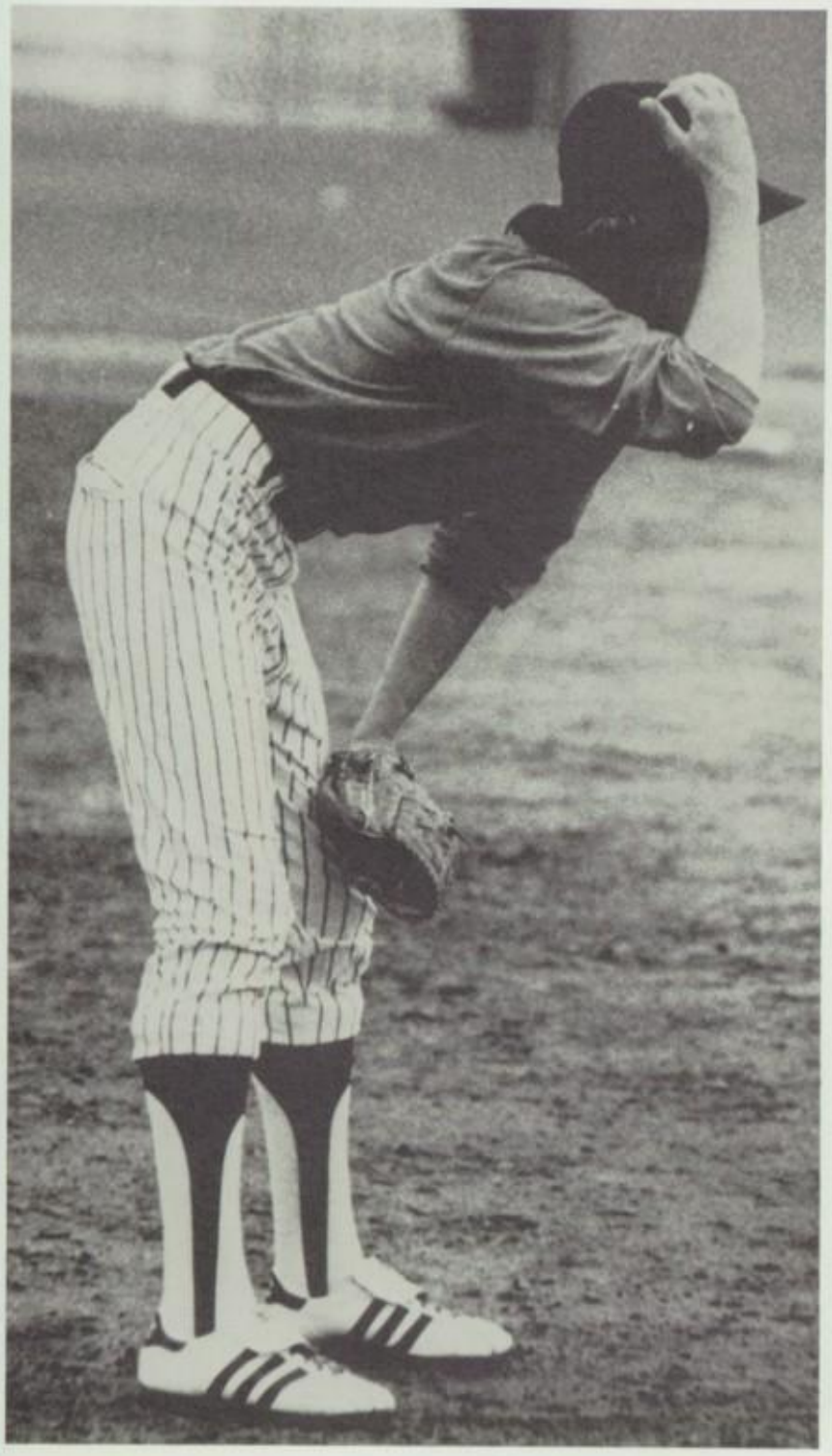
Stressing the 'team concept' with every player having a specific role, new head coach Tom Chagnon stated that the primary concern of the program was to develop "individual growth in relating to others" as well as a winning attitude.

Featuring fine balance, the sophomores also emphasized pitching and a strong defense with impressive Darrell Boyles as catcher, Dave Page as second baseman, shortstop Vince Ball, center fielder Albert Uriquidez, and right fielder Tim Schoonover. Holding opposition bats at bay were Arthur Ybarra, Mike Bizzini, Dale Benoit, and Mick Hardenbrook.

With 45 ambitious freshmen competing for 18 positions on the Freshman Baseball Team, Coach Pete Rocha was in the unusual position of having difficulty making final selections for those who would suit up for the Class of '81 on the diamond. Rocha praised the early progress of his players, especially Gil Ybarra, Moses Martinez, and Gilbert Rosenberg.

Sophomore Baseball Team, First Row: Albert Perez, Pat McKee, Dave page Vince Ball, Melvin Lemos, Albert Domingez. **Second Row:** Mike Bizini, Glen Walker, Jim Alverez, Guirmo Lopez, Dale Benort, Micky Hardenbrook. **Third Row:** Albert Uriquidez, Orville Melner, Art Ybarra, Darrel Boyles, Tim Schoonover, Roy Ensly, Coach Tom Chagnon.

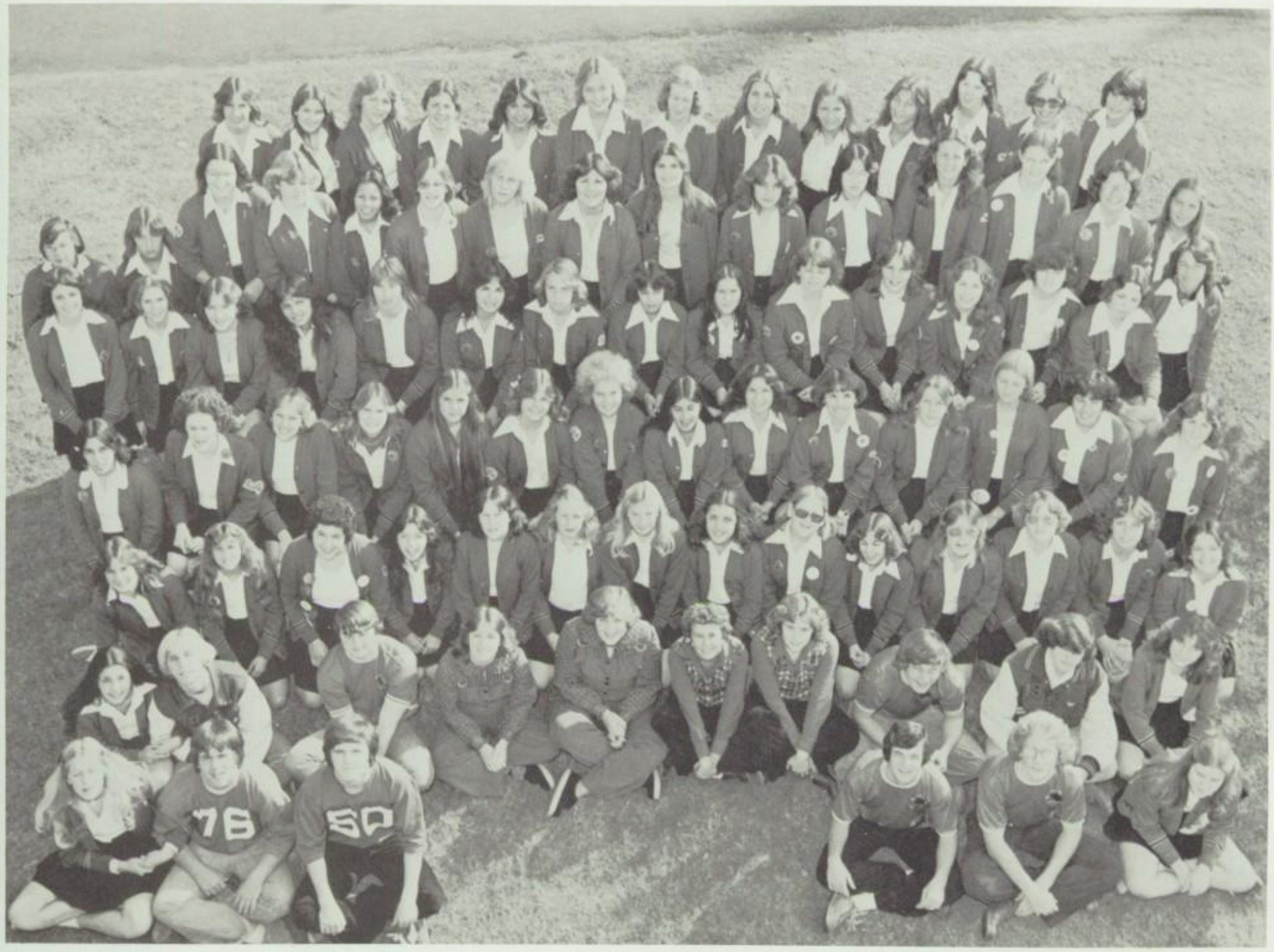
Freshman Baseball Team, Front Row: Steve McManis, Gilbert Ybarra, Keith Coonce, Jeff Scoggin, Doug Wheeler, Robert Aguirre. **Middle Row:** Coach Pete Rocha, Randy White, Eddie Faria, Tony Rocha, Pancho Alvardo, Kevin Packard, Carlos Gracia, Mgrs. David Howell, Derek Shuman. **Back Row:** Moses Martinez, Gilbert Rosenburg, Steve Walker, Clem Ott, John Verissimo, Jeff Agundez, Carlos Heredia.



Upper Left: Darrel Boyles rounds first base after Mickey Hardenbrook gives the go-ahead.
Upper Right: Carlos Gracia eyes a possible base stealer as Tony Rocha readies to tag him out.
Left: Sliding into base, Jeff Agundez is safe on second.
Lower Center Left: Steve Walker tries to figure out if Coach Rocha is signaling him or picking his nose.
Far Left: Pat McKee follows through after a hit for the Panther team.
Far Upper Left: Dave Page puts down the tag on a Central Catholic opponent.

Below: Seniors Diana Goncalves and Angie Choat express their enthusiasm at a spirit-raising rally.
Right: With tension visible on her face, Xochitl Covarrubias anxiously awaits the last minutes of the game.
Far Lower Right: With pride and joy Deana Crook and Shelly Pritchett sing out the school hymn at the close of the Lodi Rally.
Lower Center: Freshmen Scott Calkins and Verla Ivie compete in an egg rolling contest to win another notch on the pep-o-meter.

Above Right: Becky Couchman, Sandy Sanchez, Deana Goncalves, Sherry Martin and Charlene Palmer get into the beat of the Pep Band while chanting 'Go, Go, Fight, Fight, Beat Turlock!'
Above Left: Highly spirited seniors MaryAnn Henriques, Connie Mayfield, and Gloria Catzalco yell their hearts out, hoping to win the week's Pep-O-Meter.
Far Upper Right, General Rally, Front Row: Sue Van Duyn, Don Boucher, Fred Miller, Mark Ketchum, Derek Shuman, Lois Hunnicutt. **Second Row:** Colette Avila, Rod Wright, Floyd Quigley, Linda Nevitt, Candi Bellew, Paula Morrow, Suzanne Porcella, Rocky Vinnedge, Nick Artino, Rosaline Bettencourt. **Third Row:** Diana Westbrook, Gina Furtado, Joyce Borba, Raydene Travao, Donna Payne, Sharon Bertozzi, Genise Van Duyn, Bunny McHale, Michelle Norleen, Linda Goncalves, Susan Adams, Barbra Ustick, Lorrena Young, Jessica Potts. **Fourth Row:** Dena Avila, Charlotte Lawler, Colleen Miller, Suzanne Crum, Ramona McFarland, Jenise Sutton, Susan Alonzo, Gloria Catzalco, Tammy Santos, Sheril Sather, Becky Couchman, Sandy Sanchez, Gretchen Peek. **Fifth Row:** Marlene Avila, Desiree Angle, Corrina Young, Nancy Ayala, Jamie Zumbach, Xochitl Covarrubias, Debbie Stroud, Geraldine Nunes, Verla Ivie, Angie Choat, Jill Meadows, Connie Mayfield, Susie Sutton, Diana Goncalves, Trina Russell, Nina Satriles. **Sixth Row:** Tammy Eye, Sandra Cardoza, Andrea Heersink, Tina Simpson, Lori Conrad, Ruth Richards, Anita Velo, Cindy Wheaton, Gina DelRe, Edie Lau, Michelle Curci, Sherry Martin, Martha Ketchum, Sharon Lubeck. **Seventh Row:** Anita Menghetti, Melinda Galvez, Margret Payne, Deana Crook, Helen Jimenez, Irena Corgiat, Coby Snyder, Cindy Epperson, Mary Bilich, Sandra O'Dell, Charlene Palmer, Peggy Long, Suzanne Fisher.



General Rally institutes new ideas, includes boys for first time in years

If ever one group was responsible for promoting and retaining spirit and pride at Modesto High, whether winning or losing, it was the 1977-78 General Rally. Under the leadership of Commissioners Suzanne Porcella and Paula Morrow, Fall Rally implemented many new ideas. Uniting to form the traditional funnel, Rally members were joined by the band, adding a spark of enthusiasm with the playing of the school fight song as each football player passed through. Rewarding members for oustanding service on their committees, commissioners gave buttons denoting "Rally member of the week"to deserving students.

Culminating the fall season, along with the Turkey Trot, was a miniature parade honoring the Royalty during the homecoming game with Davis.

Winter-Spring Rally took on a new light with the addition of 20 boys along with the five signed up in the fall to bring a total of 150 members in Rally. Headed by Commissioners Linda Nevitt and Candi Bellew, new committees such as Soccer Appreciation, Activity Planning, and Spirit Sparks were added to the originals. Designing a new display case along with many spirit promotions including pie contests, a dunking booth, and a Tag Day kept everyone busy and full of enthusiasm.

Below, Fall Rally Exec, First Row: Deana Crook, Brenda Wheat, Betty Beasley, Paula Morrow, Gloria Catzalco, Martha Ketchum, Sandy Sanchez. **Second Row:** Nancy Gay, Sherry Martin, Candi Bellew, Debbie Lindsay, Sandy O'Dell, Linda Nevitt, Melinda Galvez, Helen Jimenez, Jill Meadows. **Third Row:** Diana Goncalves, Ronda Crum, Dena Avila, Colette Avila, Deidre Bradford, Sherril Sather, Suzanne Fisher, Chris Nelson, Angie Choate, Lois Hunnicut. **Fourth Row:** Charlene Palmer, Debbie Moe, Teri Carlton, Anita Menghetti, Sue Van Duyn, Margaret Payne, Lori Conrad, Ruth Richards, Anita Velo.

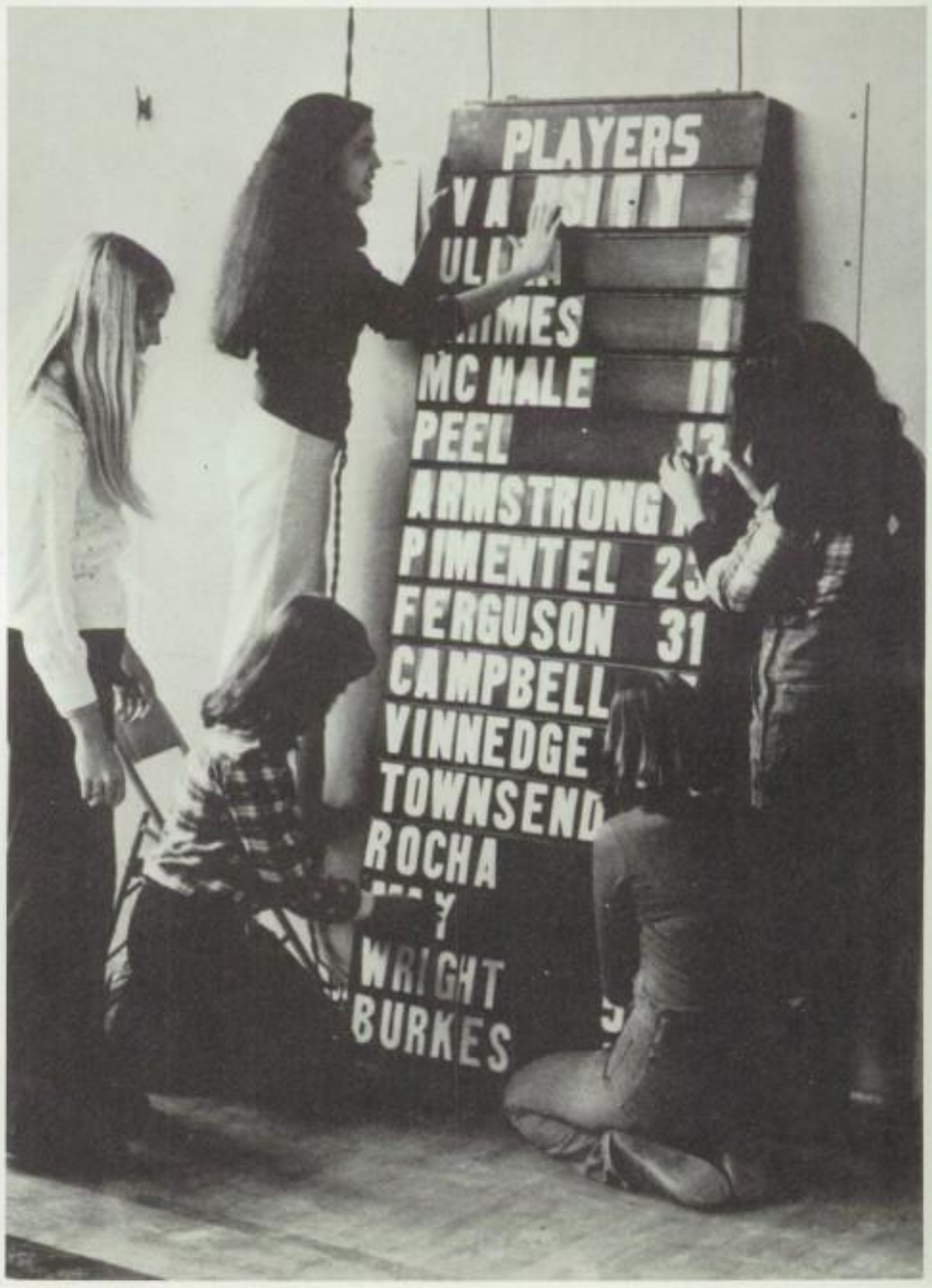
Rally Commissioners, Execs and committees support MHS athletics

Placing more emphasis on responsibilities, Fall Rally Commissioners Suzanne Porcella and Paula Morrow began in late summer planning and preparing for September activities by choosing the girls to become Rally Execs.

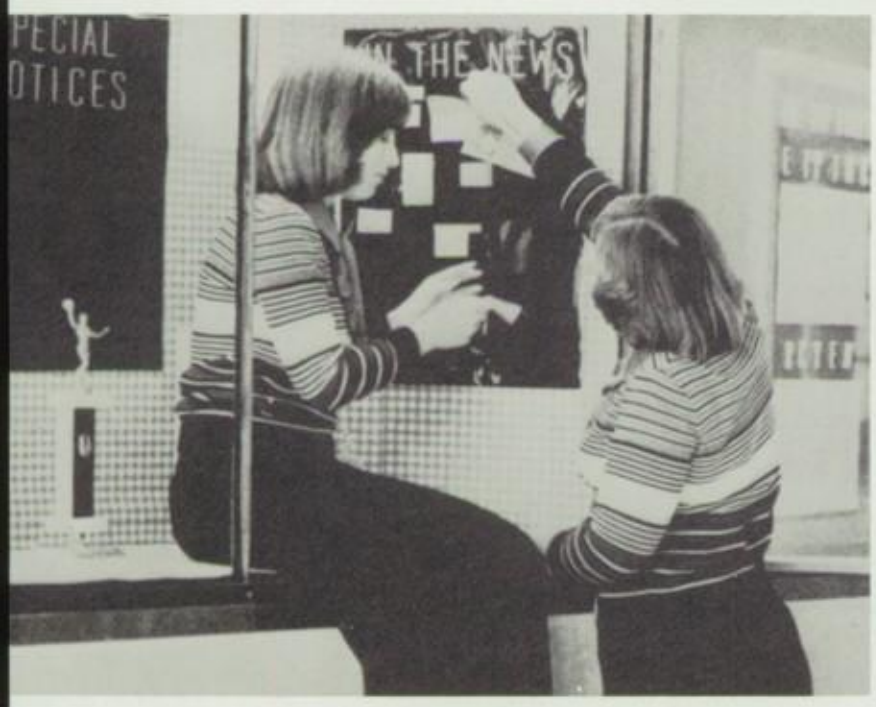
The sixty-eight Execs were devided into ten committees with one Exec from each committee designated as the 'phone person' in an effort to produce an exciting sports season, whether it was through painting signs, raising funds by selling concessions at football games, or planning an action-packed homecoming week.

Motivated by Winter/ Spring Commissioners Candi Bellew and Linda Nevitt, the Execs employed many new spirit-sparking ideas, including a 'Find the Falcon' contest during Atwater week. Competition between classes remained high, and a Tongue Twister Contest was won by Deanna Crook at the Merced Rally, helping the Junior class to pull even with the Seniors at least briefly.

With the onset of spring athletics new committees were selected appropriate to the season. Replacing those of the fall and winter which were no longer needed were aqua-maids, tracketts, and bat girls to aid in scorekeeping for the various sports.



Upper Center: Execs for the Hall and Locker Decorating Committee Sherry Martin and Peggy Long trace and trim panther head cut-outs.
Left: Fall Commissioners Paula Morrow and Suzanne Porcella count construction paper for summer inventory.
Center: Replacing the previous week's newspaper articles, Winter/Spring Commissioners Linda Nevitt and Candi Bellew up-date their spirit display case.
Below: Serving at the Winter Sports Banquet, Angie Choate, Don Howell, Gloria Catzalco, Joyce Borba, and Gina Salinas slice and prepare the desserts.
Far Lower Left: Spirit Sparks Committee Execs Sue Van Duyn, Colette Avila, Linda Isoni, Terri Carlton, and Dena Avila arrange varsity basketball team member's names and numbers for the score board.



Left, Spring Rally Exec, Front Row: Tina Simpson, Sherril Sather, Terri Carlton, Deidre Bradford, Lorraine Rosa, Helen Jimenez, Melinda Galvez, Gloria Catzalco, Betty Beasley, Brenda Wheat. **Second Row:** Linda Nevitt, Debbie Moe, Linda Isoni, Colette Avila, Deana Crook, Angie Choate, Connie Mayfield, Jill Meadows, Charlene Palmer, Sherry Martin, Candi Bellew. **Third Row:** Michelle Rocha, Cindy Wheaton, Anita Velo, Ruth Richards, Lori Conrad, Margaret Payne, Sandy O'Dell, Lois Hunnicut, Nancy Gay, Ronda Crum. **Fourth Row:** Debbie Lindsay, Sue Van Duyn, Anita Menghetti, Diana Goncalves, Susan Alonzo, Paula Morrow, Chris Nelson, Martha Ketchum, Suzanne Fisher, Dena Avila.

Below, Cross Country Team, Front Row: Richard Elam, Joe Lopez, Rick Simental, Pete Alberto, Eddie Rodriquez. **Back Row:** Jose Torrez, Dale Sangster, Ray Van Nostrand, John Cervantes, David Alfraro.

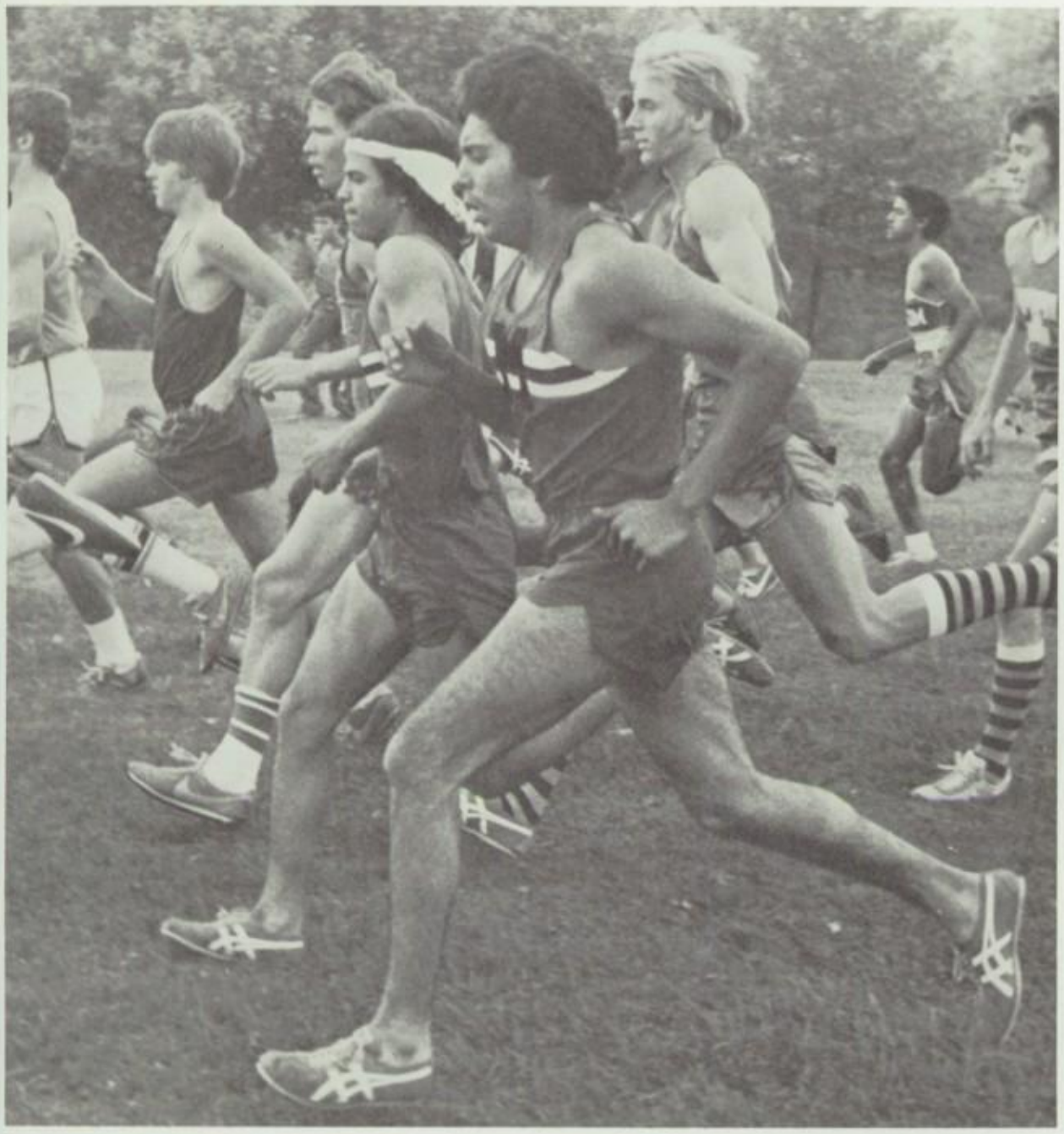
Individual effort earns success for members of the Cross Country Team

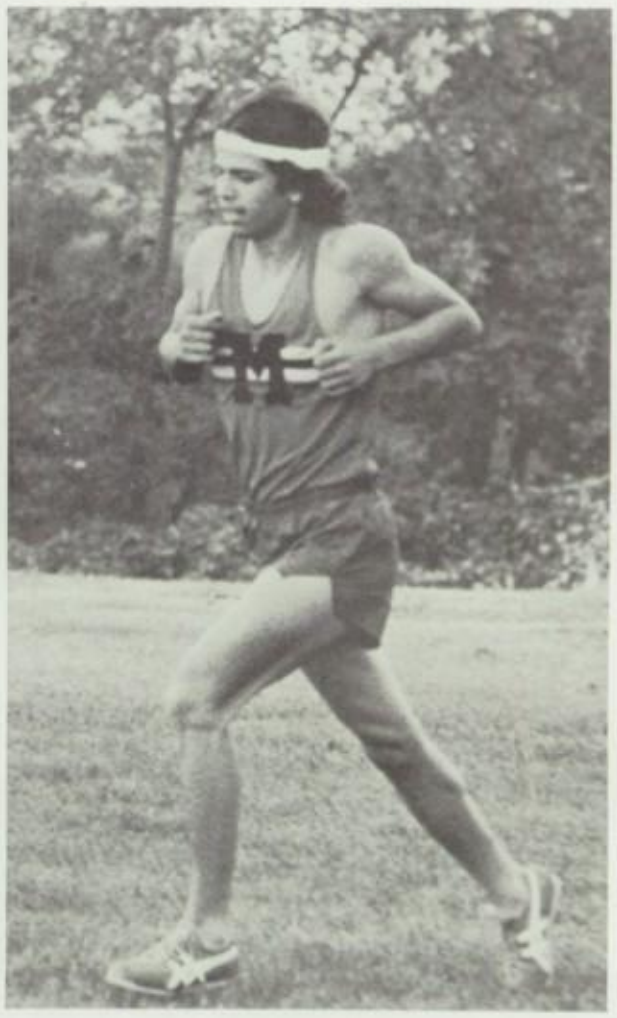
Panther Harriers endured a tough schedule in Cross Country, with only 15 members on the team. Even so, Coach Len Kaiser considered the season a success, attributing this to the outstanding efforts of each member of the team. Runners could be found alone or in small groups before and after school on long, often deserted routes, with many Panthers averaging sixty miles in a week.

At the meets, MHS runners did exceptionally well, frequently finishing in the top three places. Sophomores Rick Simental and Jose Torrez led the varsity team and highlighted the season by taking first and second places in the section Four Qualification Meet, where Rick broke the track record by 10 seconds. Pete Alberto and Ernie Murrillo were outstanding in the junior varsity, with Pete taking first and Ernie 14th in a field of over seventy runners at the Qualification Meet.

Coach Kaiser expressed satisfaction in these perfor mances and summed up the season by saying, 'As individuals we did an excellent job.'

Above: Rick Simental outpaces his Downey opponent in the final steps to emerge victorious.
Top: Feeling the effects of a long run, Pete Alberto's muscles are tense with the exertion.





Upper Center: Singled out of the crowd, David Alfaro and Ernie Murillo establish their pace at the outset of the race.
Upper Right: As the finish line grows nearer Ernie Murillo stretches his pace in a final effort to place high.
Above: Outstanding Panther Harriers Jose Torrez, Ricky Simmental, and Pete Alberto earned acclaim for themselves and their school after having qualified for the section meet.
Left: Even with little hope for his opponent to catch him, Jose Torres maintains his constant stride as he approaches the end of the race.

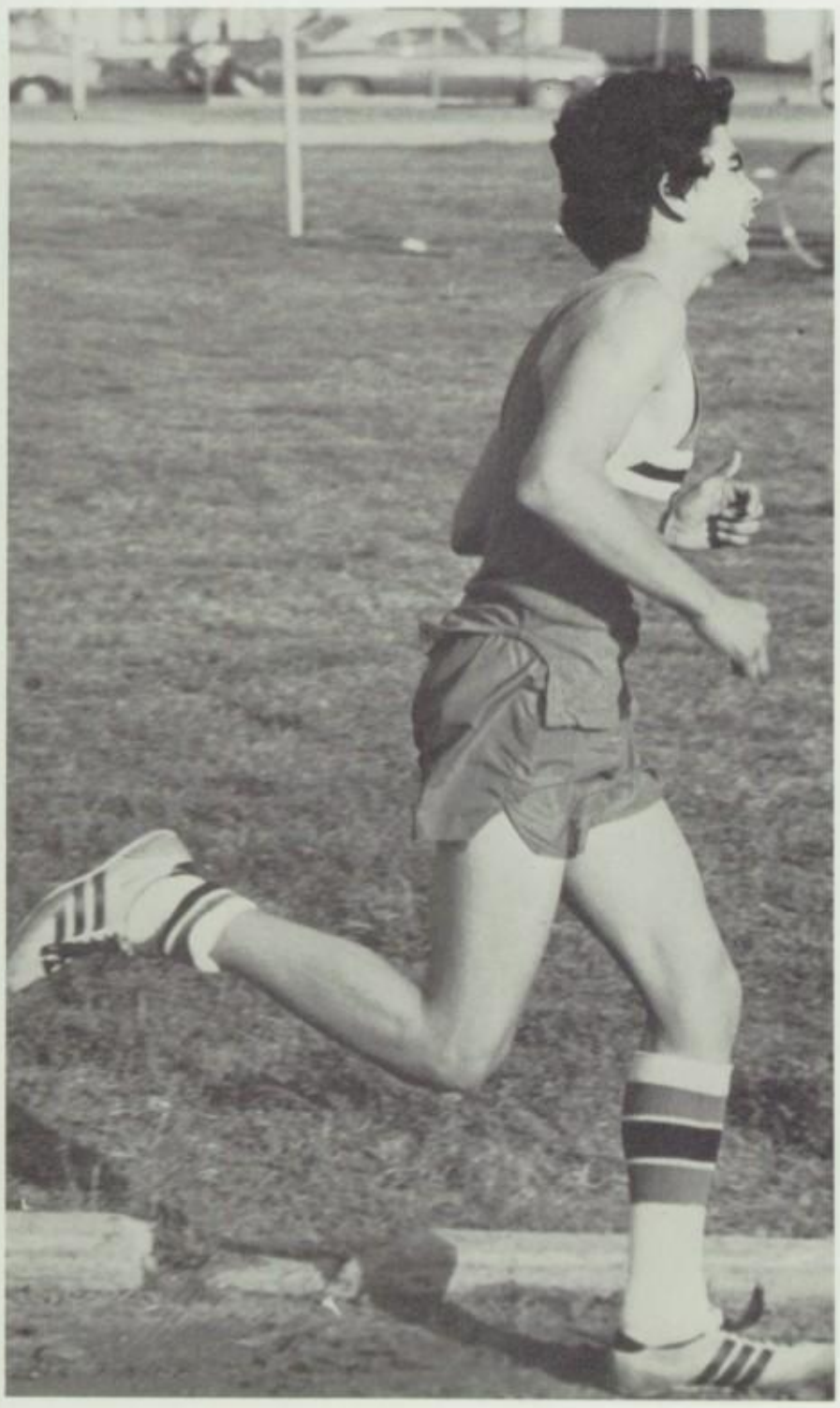
Full Track Team meets coaches' expectations

Modesto High School track and field coaches Len Kaiser and H. L. Clark were very pleased with the turnout for the 1978 season. The Panthers were paced by record holders Arthur Rosenburg and Joe Schoonover. Other returning lettermen included Pete Alberto, Pascual Alvarado, Anthony Martinez, Victor Rodriguez, and Klifton Anderson.

The coaches were even more reassured by the strength of the frosh-soph team. Said coach Kaiser, "Not only was this a large team, but it contained a tremendous amount of talent. We had the most outstanding freshman class since 1970." Several of the sophomores were called on to run varsity and thest their skills against the 'big boys.'

Above Right, Varsity Track Team, Front Row, Joe Schoonover, Claudel Spivey, John Stover, Arthur Rosenburg. **Center Row:** Dale Sangster, David Alfaro, Chuck Hale, Ricky Simental, Jose Torrez, Klifton Anderson, Pete Alberto. **Back Row:** Tom Sharp, Anthony Martinez, Robbie Robbins, Brian Marconett, Victor Rodriguez, Juan Ramirez, Pascual Alvarado.

Below, Frosh-Soph Track Team, First Row: John Jackson, Richard Gallardo, Charles Tademy, Pat Miller, Sixto Torrez, John Gonzales, Chris Armstrong. **Second Row:** Richard Young, Richard Bell, Mark Ketchum, Bernardo Pena, John Brower, Carl Anderson, Roland Meeks, Glenn Brass. **Third Row:** Fank Gonzales, Curry Crane, Akira Bell, Paul Harrison, Kelly Hoke, Rickie Clipper, Gerald Sangster, Greg Flores. **Fourth Row:** Bill McGill, Chris Shaw, Jeff Vail, Don Boucher, Tom Cantrell, Fred Miller, Mike Lewis.



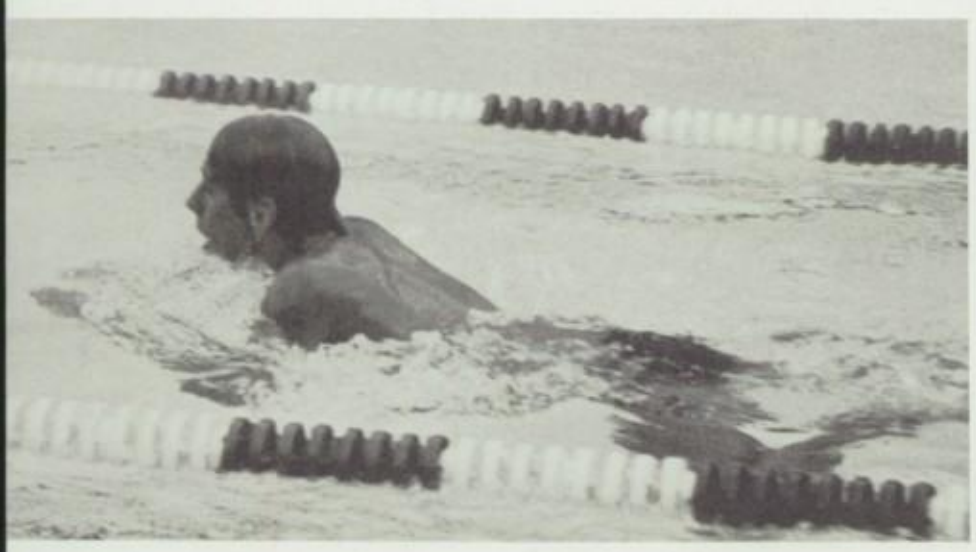
Far Upper Left: Record holder Joe Schoonover clears his height in the pole vault.
Upper Center: One of MHS's outstanding distance runners, Ricky Simental, strides through the tape for an easy victory.
Above: Claudel Spivey leaps over the high jump bar for first place.
Left Over the hurdle in the 330 lows, Rolando Meeks finishes exhausted.
Lower Center Right: Frank Gonzales keeps a steady pace as he attempts a victory in the 880 run.
Lower Center Left: Jon Stover takes a last minute glance at the finish line of the 100 yard dash.
Far Lower Left: Klifton Anderson clears the bar to stay in range of his opponent.
Far Center Left: Pascual Alvarado winds up for a super throw in the discus.

Right, Waterpolo Team, Bottom Row: Roger Crimson, Raul Ortiz, Sam Abid, Kara Bentsen, Dale Graver, Martha Ketchum, Brian Cooper. **Top:** Rob Sather, Rod Wright, Kenny Olson, Russell Lusk, Roland Blankenship, Derek Shuman, Don Howell.
Below: Teammates Don Howell, Rod Wright and Russell Lusk set up their offense.
Lower Left: Goalie Raul Ortiz makes yet another save.
Center: Roland Blankenship shoots for a goal.
Lower Right: Don Howell prepares to pass to an open player.

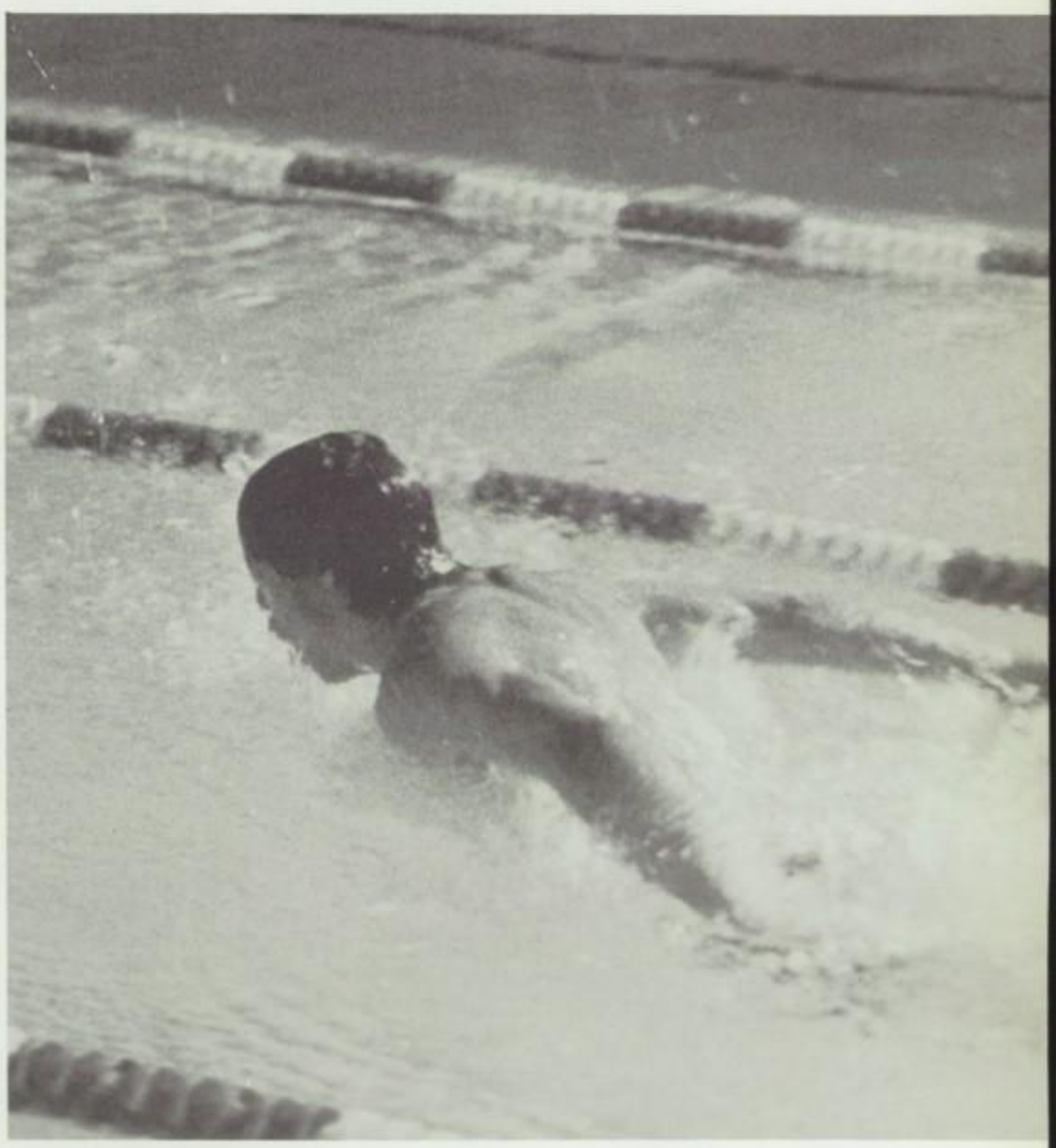
Female coach leads Varsity Waterpolo to first win

Waterpolo celebrated its fifth anniversary as a competitive sport at MHS with the varsity team's first and only win to date. The victory came over Atwater as a much- earned reward for long hours of hard work and practice endured by the amphibious Panthers.

A new face stood behind the productivity of the team, with coach Theresa Schmidt assuming the task of building and training a team composed almost completely of underclassmen. With freshmen and sophomores playing varsity along with five juniors, the team was often outpaced in speed, accuracy and endurance. But seniors Don Howell and Martha Ketchum, along with goalie Raul Ortiz, led the way for continued efforts and improvements, looking to the future for another of those elusive victories.



Left: Dale Paugh takes a deep breath after winning in the first home meet of the season.
Below: Brad Kunkel, a third year man, butterflies his way towards the finish line.
Center: Standout Don Howell perfects the breast stroke in his last year on the swim team.
Bottom, Swim Team, Seated: Jimmie Easly, Brad Kunkel, Raul Ortiz.
First Row: Kara Benson, Angie Young, Tammie Walker, Leah Fox, Bobby Gratton, Roland Blakenship, Rex Madden, Keith Watts, Rob Sather, Don Howell.
Second Row: Coach, Theresa Schmidt, Suzanne Porcella, Dale Paugh, Sammy Abid, James Monk, Mike Davis, Dan Killingsworth, Steve Potts.
Top Row: Scott James, Alan Bodiford, Dale Graver.

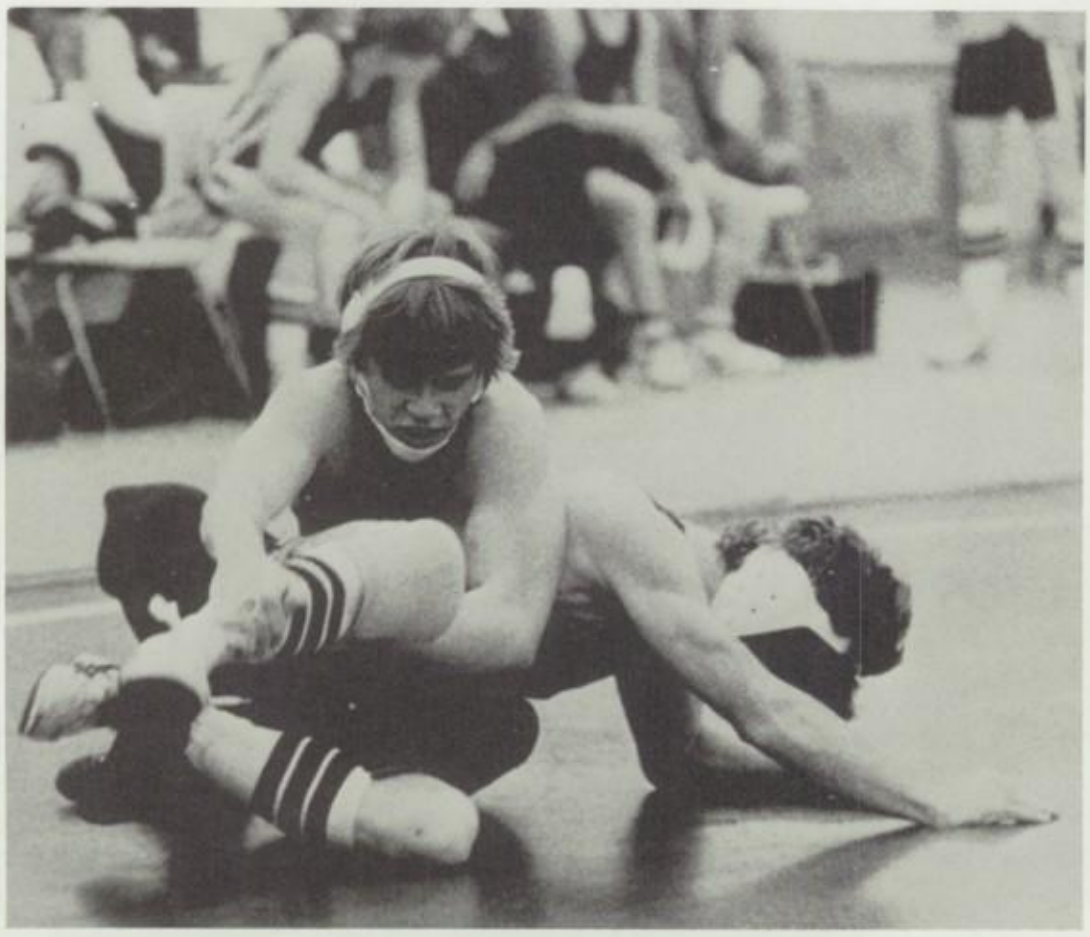


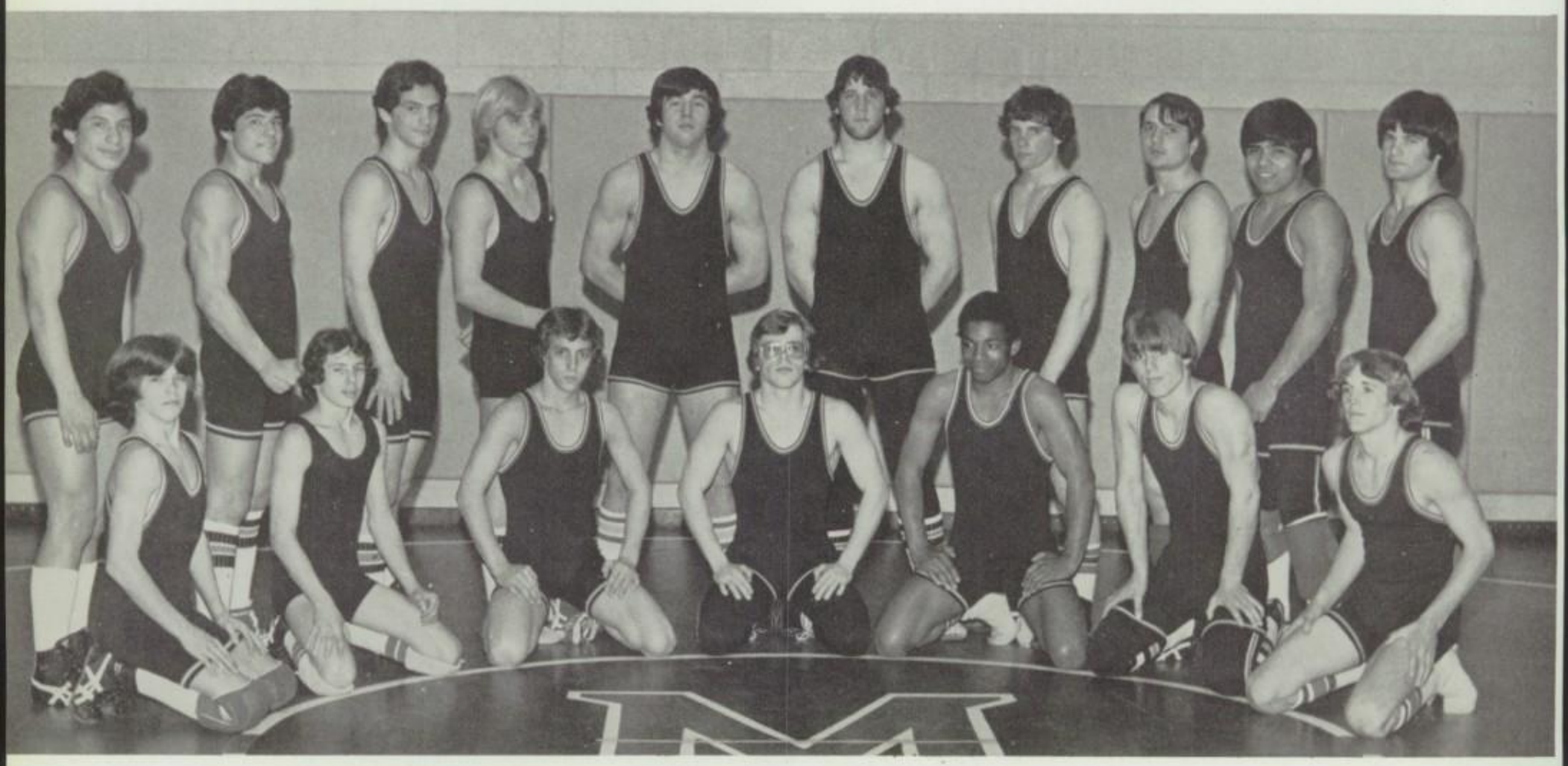
Co-ed Swim Team loses momentum

With a much larger turnout for the Swim Team than in previous years, early hopes of the varsity and junior varsity teams were soon disappointed as members left to over-occupation, apathy, and other ailments.

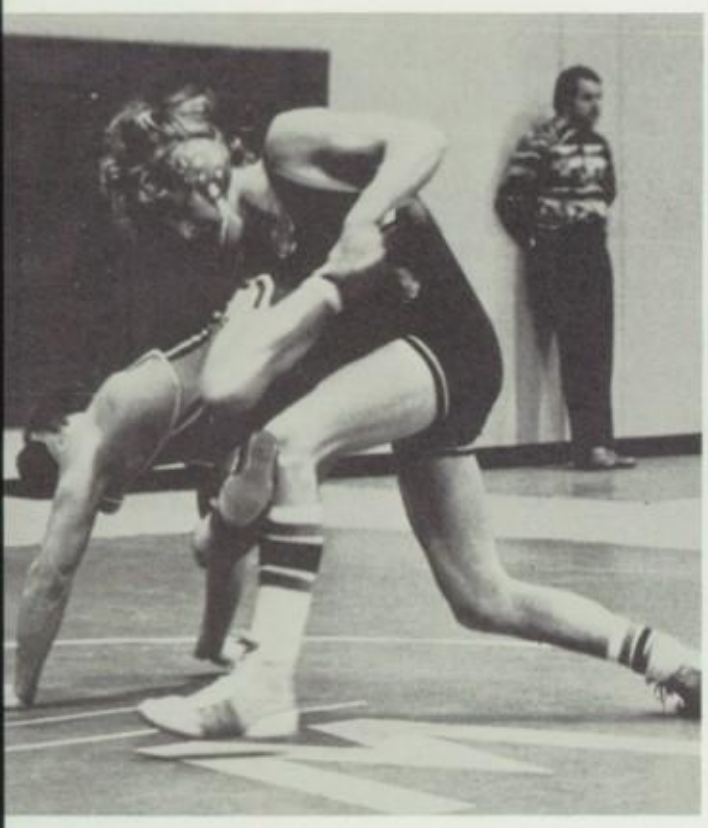
Returning aquanauts included Don Howell, Rod Wright, Dale Graver, Martha Ketchum, Robby Sather, Dan Killingsworth, and Kara Bentsen. Even with new team members, there were not enough to compete with teams three to four times the size of MHS. Russ Miller and Trina Russell were the two top divers.

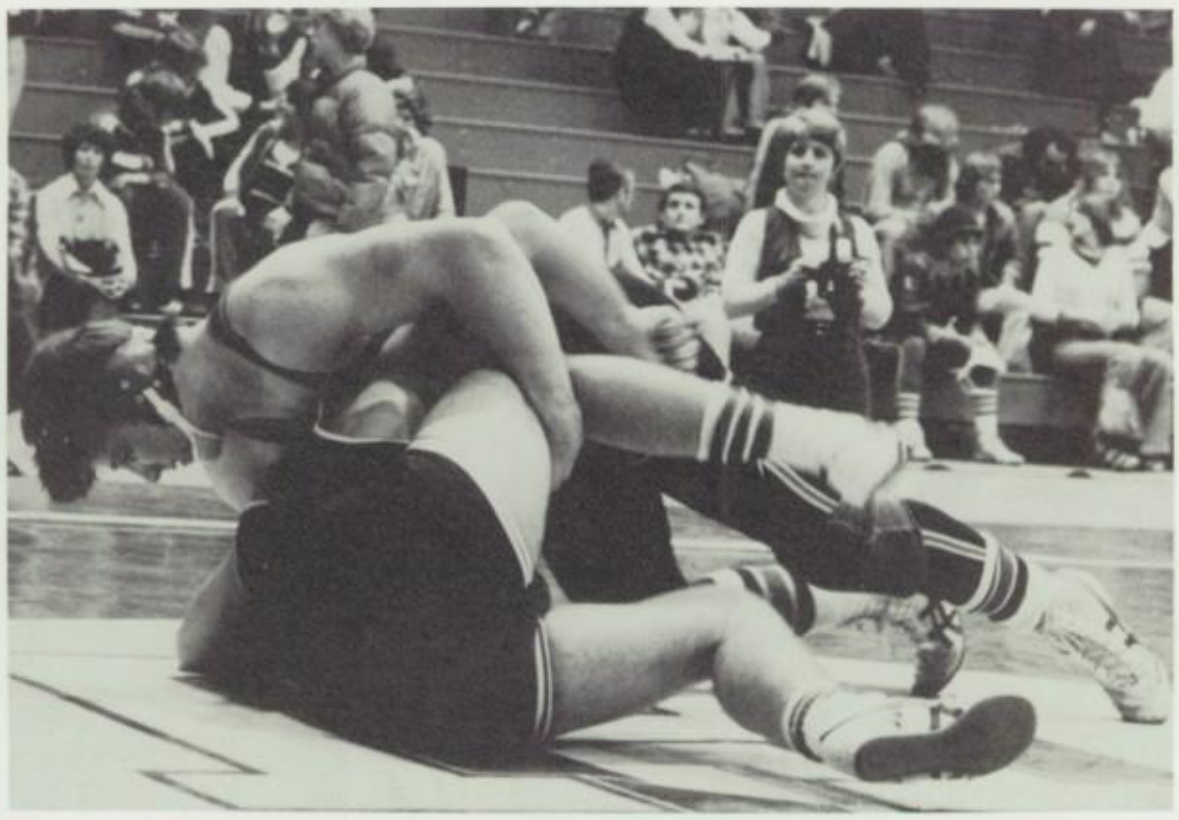
Below: Senior Russell Miller displays his seven years' wrestling skill.
Right: Victor Brazil maneuver's his opponent at will.
Upper Center: Ty Angle manhandles his Davis opponent.
Upper Right: Senior Kevin Bizzini turns his opponent on his back for an instant pin.
Center: Ruben Martinez shows promise for next year's team.
Lower Center: Brian Miller attempts to make another pin.
Center Right: Rod Wright cradles his weight competitor.

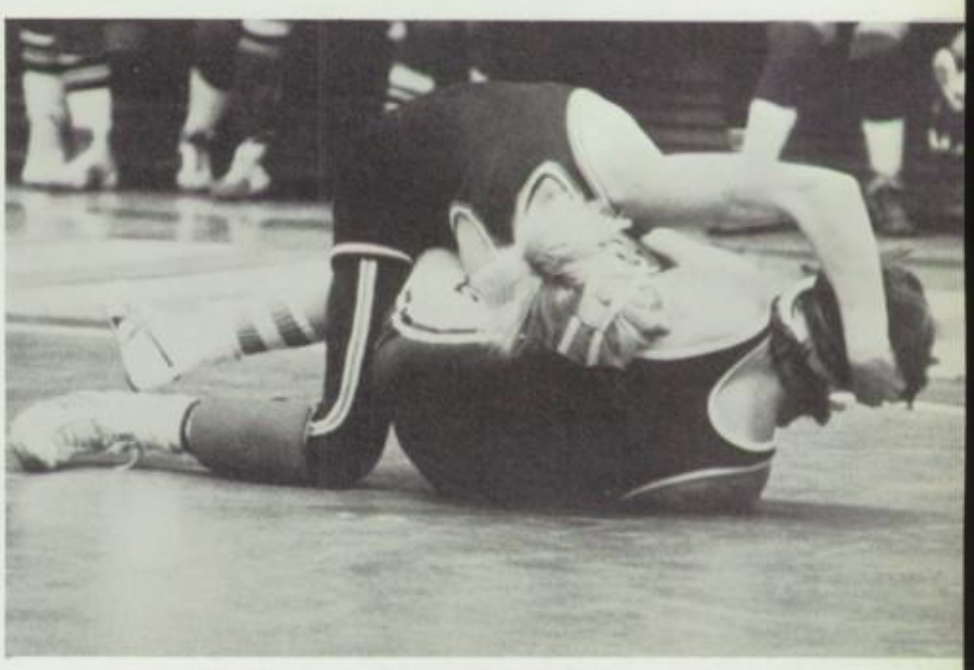


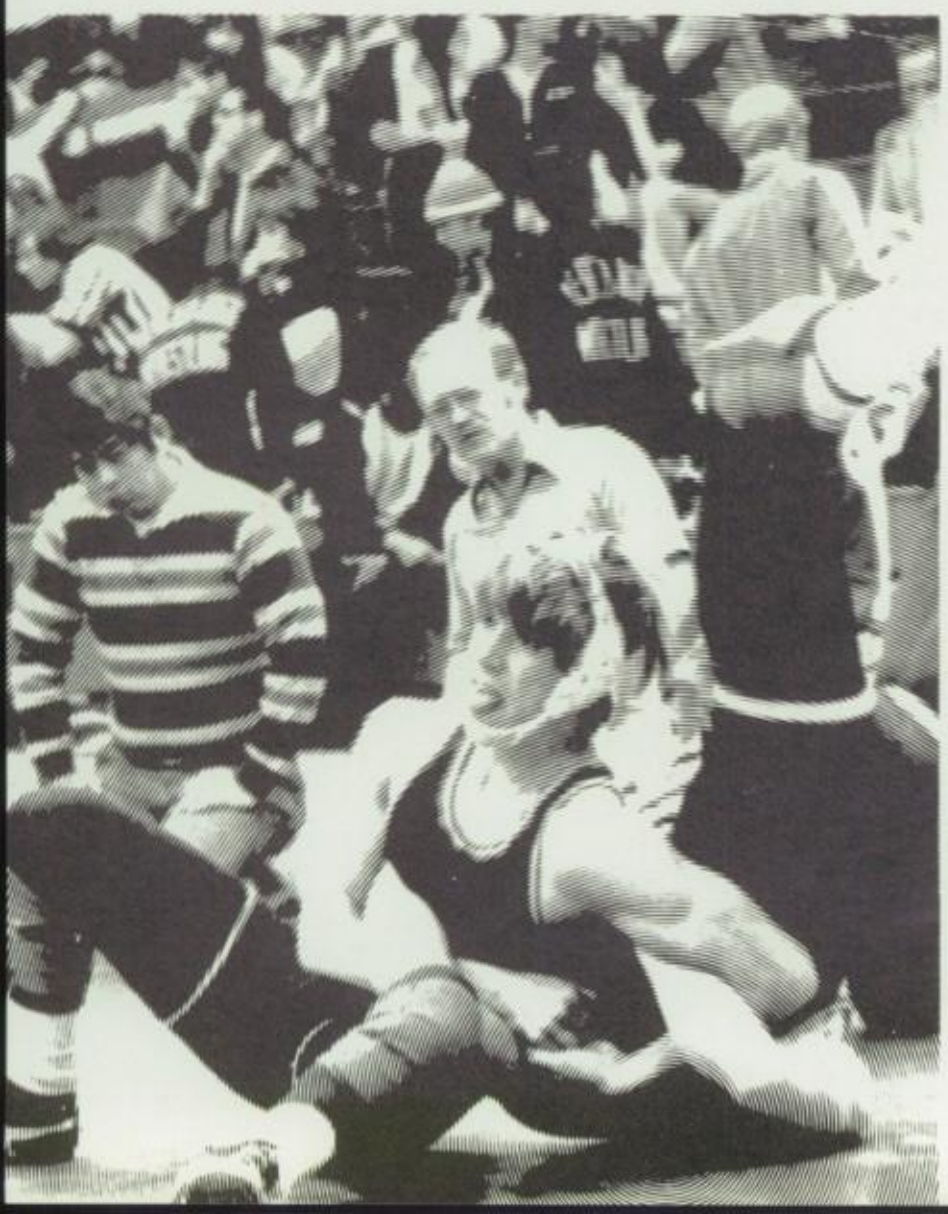


Above, Wrestling Team, Front Row: Mike McCombs, Jeff Weston, Mike Imelio, Russ Miller, Klifton Anderson, Brian Miller, Ty Angle. **Second Row:** Dave Page, Ruben Martinez, Robert Figuroa, Rod Wright, Larry Mendonza, Kevin Bizzini, Steve Bertozzi, David Miller, Chava Cardenas, Victor Brazil. **Far Lower Right:** Brian Miller pins his man while Coach Kiyoi and Coach Miller look on with satisfaction.









MHS matmen experience good year as Miller places third in state

The MHS Wrestling Team started the season with great expectations. By the end of the year, they lived up to almost all of them.

Hope for a season without injuries proved unrealistic as matmen were marred with pulled muscles and broken bones. However, the team survived such ailments to come out on top at several meets and tournaments.

There were many standouts on the team. Seniors included 136 pound Klifton Anderson who maintained a 13-1 record; heavyweight Kevin Bizzini with a record of 27-5; and Russell Miller in the 123 pound division who managed 39 wins, one draw, and only two losses. Junior standouts were Ty Angle at 115 pounds (30-4) and Rod Wright at 129 pounds (21-3). Rod suffered a broken arm in competition near the end of the season and was unable to participate in further competition. Sophomores Mike Imelio (105 pounds, 17-5) and Brian Miller (136 pounds, 30-5) were also fierce competitors in their weight classifications.

For the most part, everyone on the varsity came home with a first place medal. Brothers Russ and Brian Miller both earned the right to compete in the prestigious state tournament. After losing his second match, Russ fought all the way back through the consolation bracket to capture third place in the state.

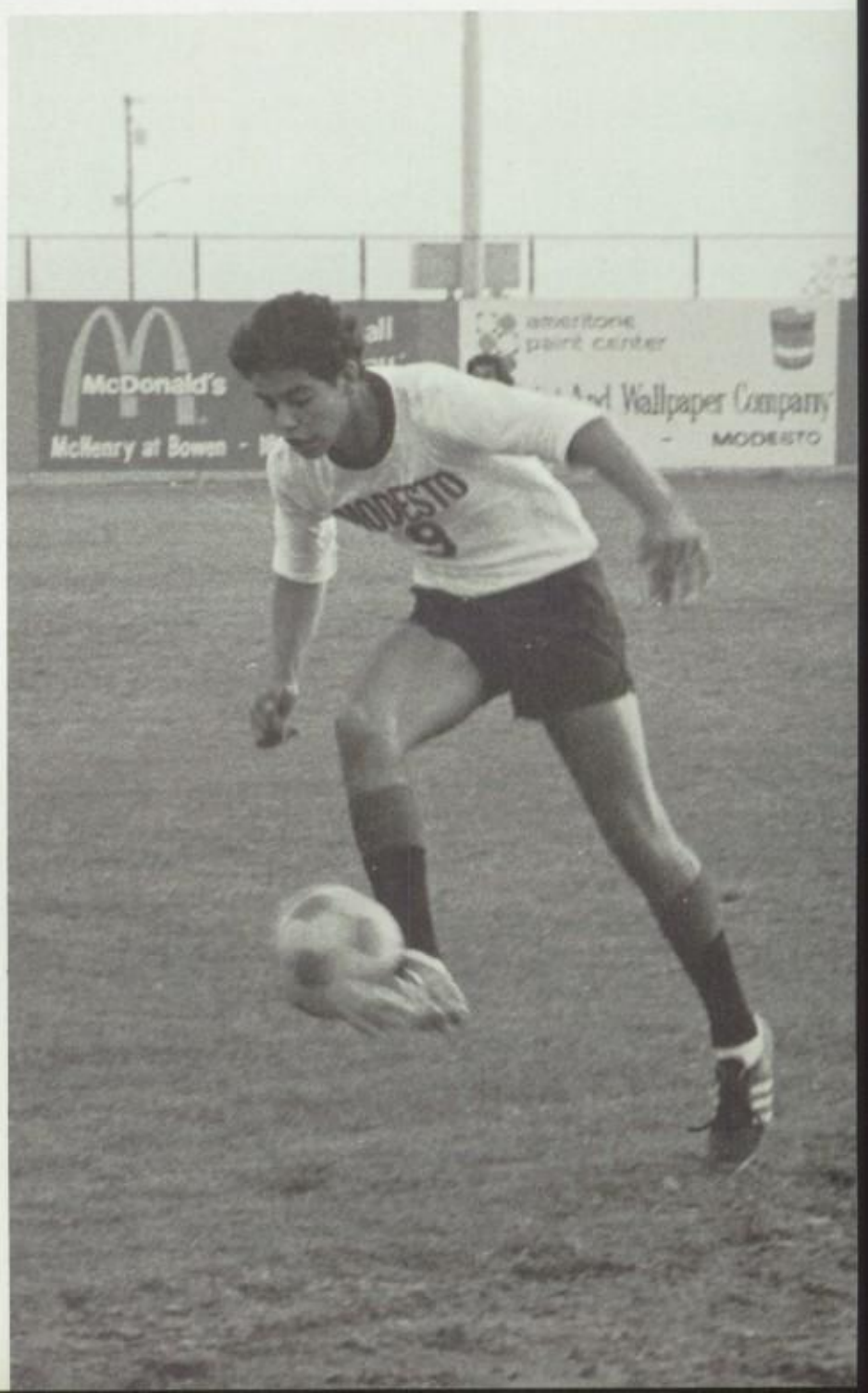
Below: Juan Ramirez prepares to dribble past his opponent.
Right Pascual Alvarado leaps up to block a goal.
Lower Right: Attempting to make a goal, Vincent Palomar dribbles down the field.

Championship Soccer Team has biggest share of supreme talent

In keeping with the growing popularity of soccer in the United States the sport was offered as a seventh period competitive athletics course for the first time ever at MHS, and the team proved itself more than worthy of the new standing. Under the direction of a new coach, Mr. Jesse Figueroa, the team was undefeated in league play and compiled an impressive overall record of eleven wins, two ties and only one loss. Over the entire season, the team scored 60 goals while allowing only 21. Awesomely skillful compared to opponents, the team cinched the championship of the newly formed soccer league of the Central California Conference by crushing Merced 5-1.

Coach Figueroa, who was named coach of the year, continually stressed that "it was a total team effort. They were all outstanding players." Figueroa was not exaggerating, as Modesto players were selected to fill five of the eleven positions on the All-Conference First Team. Those players were: goalie Pascual Alvardo, who averaged ten saves per game, forward Tony Gomez, who racked up a season total of 15 goals, and Jose Alberto, a defensive back, made Second Team All-Conference. Forwards Vincent Palomar and Frank Sandoval were given Honorable Mention awards.

At the Winter Sports Banquet teammates voted Juan Ramirez the Most Valuable Player. Mike Sandoval and Pascual Alvarado received Most Improved Awards.



Upper Left: Tony Gomez and Juan Ramirez look on as Francisco Sandoval head-bunts the ball.
Upper Right: Dezi Lopez anticipates a pass from Jose Bautista.
Center, Soccer Team, Front Row: Sexto Porras, Paul Villasenor, Mike Ascencio, Dezi Lopez, Tony Gomez, Jose Alberto, Miguel Sandoval, Javier Mendoza.
Back Row: Coach Jess Figueroa, Mike Sandoval, Francisco Sandoval, Victor Rodriguez, Jose Bautista, Juan Ramirez, Vincent Palomar, Pascual Alvarado.
Left: Raul Soto attempts to pass the ball to his teammate Francisco Sandoval.

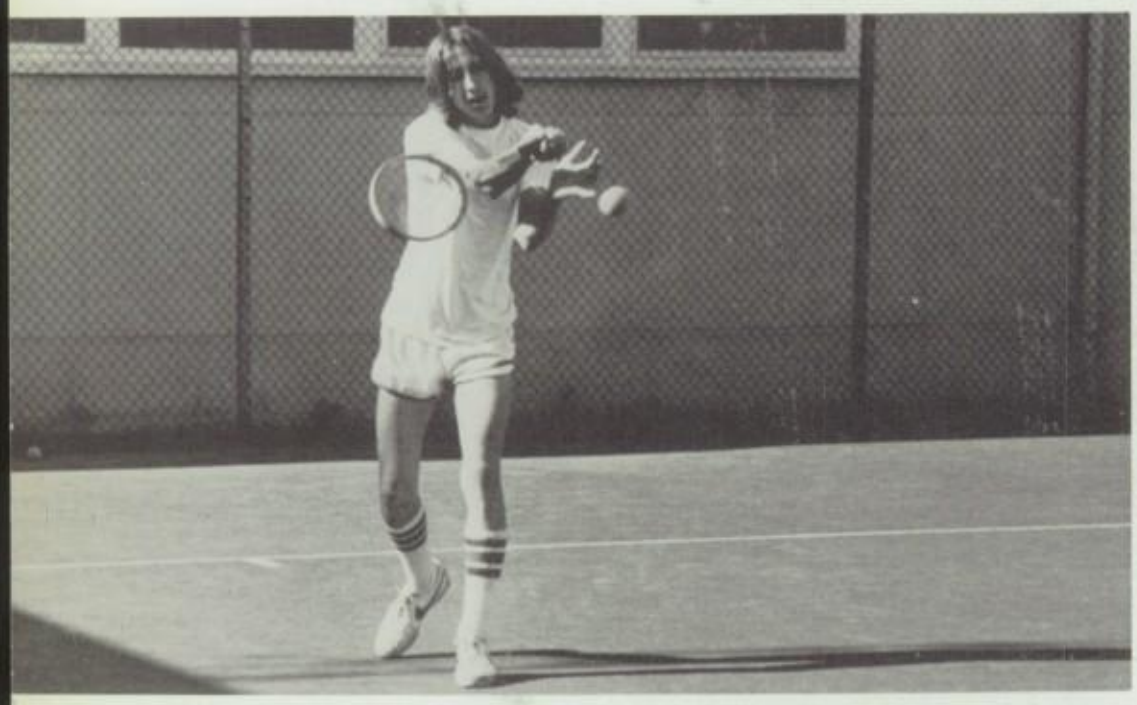
Modesto		Opponent				
1		Granada	6	* 3	Davis	3
* 3		Downey	0	* 3	Downey	0
* 2		Turlock	1	* 3	Turlock	3
14		East Union	1	4	Manteca	1
* 1		Atwater	0	* 4	Beyer	1
* 6		Beyer	1	* 5	Merced	1
8		East Union	2	* 3	Davis	1

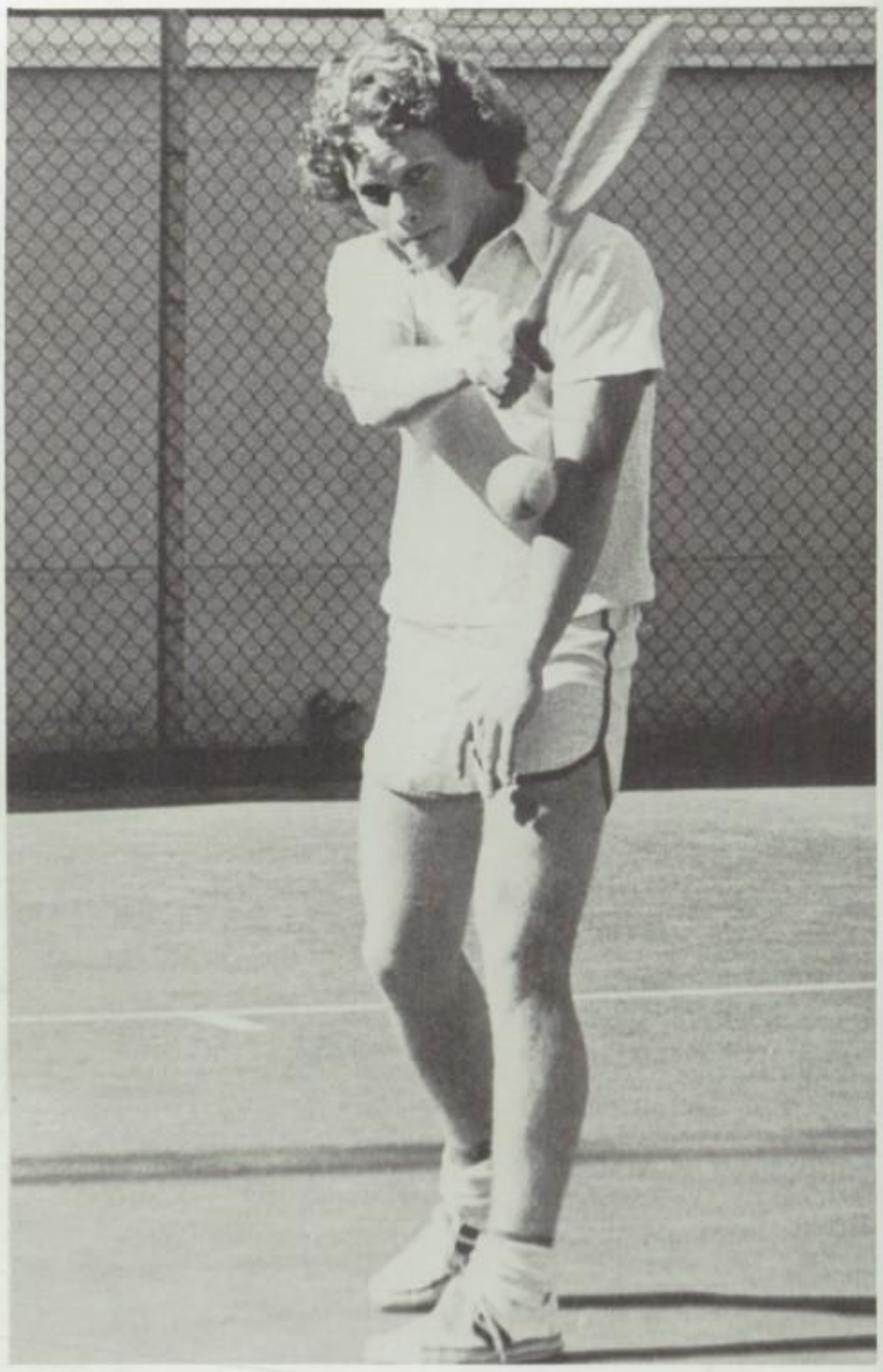
* Central California Conference game

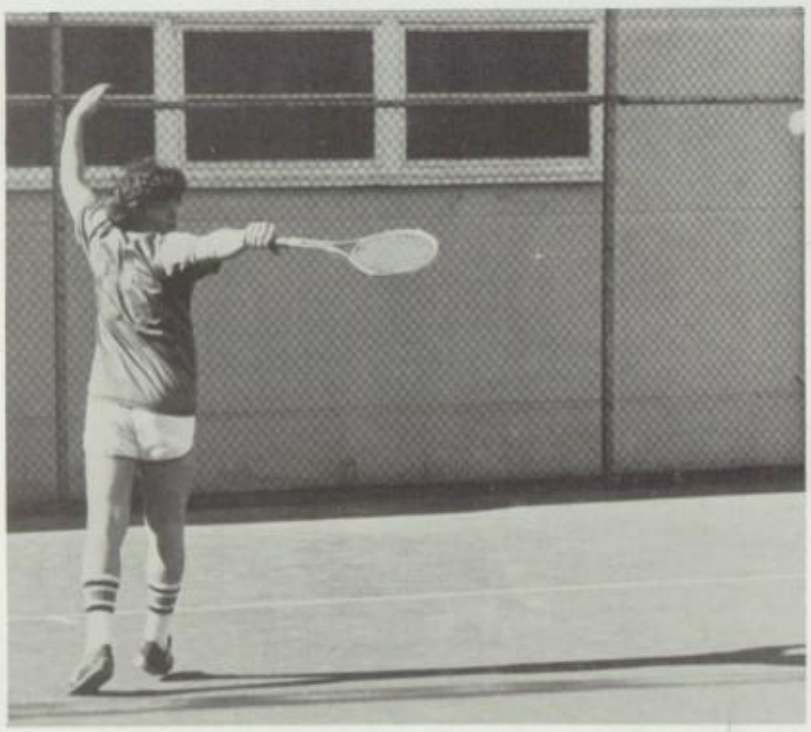
Boys' Tennis Team gets good turnout, hot competition burns within

The Boys Tennis Team was a very young competitive group with some of the fiercest matches played between the teammates themselves. Battling for the number one spot in their rankings, the tightest competition was between twin brothers Ray and Luis Gutierrez, both of whom were juniors returning from the previous year. Senior Lanny Nelson was the only other veteran on the team.

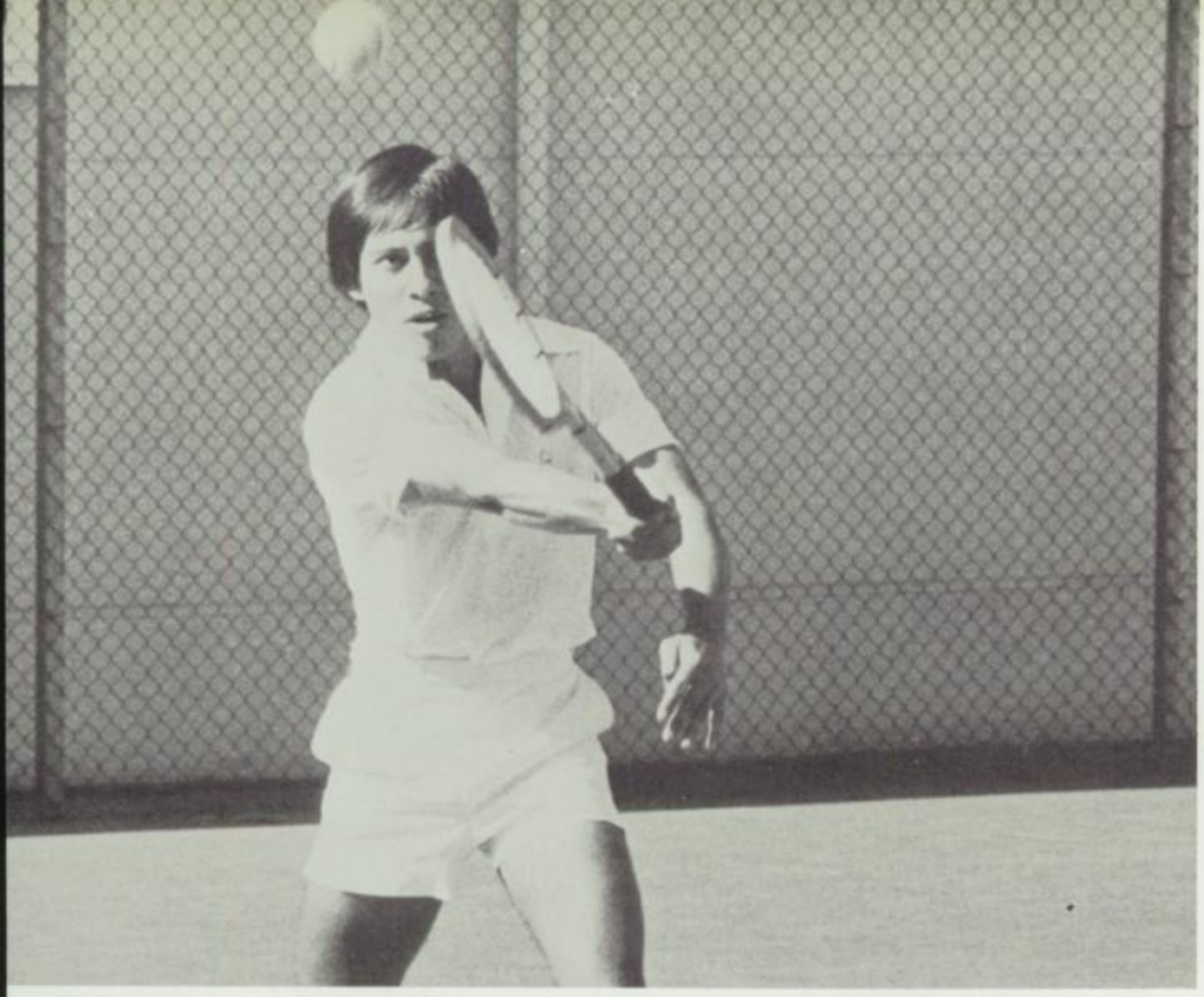
The unusually large turnout permitted Coach Dee Killam to divide the group into varsity and junior varsity teams. Miss Killam, who is also head of the Girls PE Department and coach of the Girls Tennis Team, ably led the boys' team in the absence of regular coach Dennis Clark who was away on sabbatical leave. With twice the previous number of competitive positions providing more opportunities for '78 membership, prospects for the future seemed certain to improve.



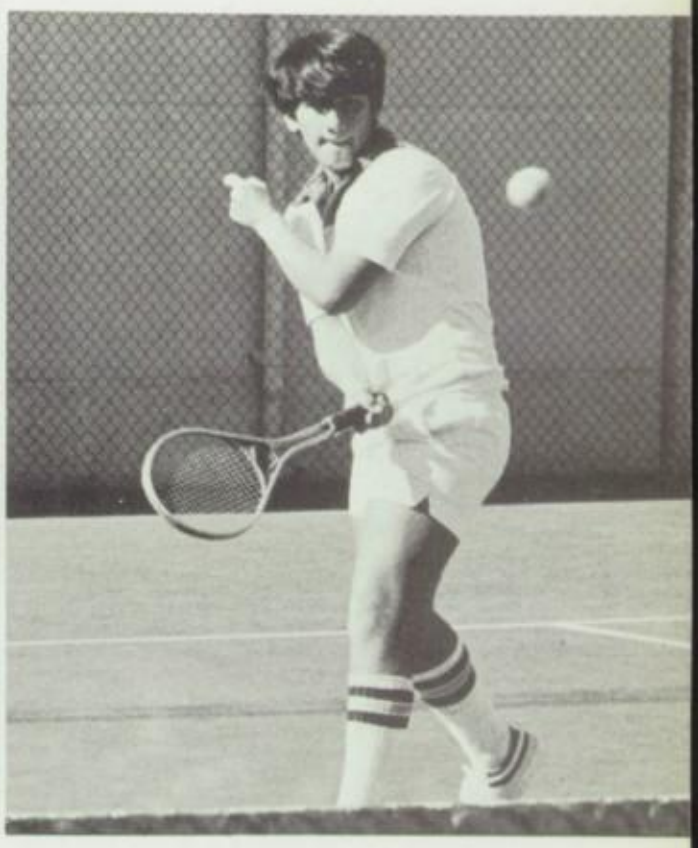




Upper Left: Phillip Bailey easily returns his opponents shot with a powerful forehand.
Upper Center: In pre-game practice, Lanny Nelson warms up with his forehand.
Right: Luis Gutierrez circumvents his opponent with a quick lob.
Above: Nick Artino returns a backhand smash during his doubles match.



Below: Mike Rangel concentrates to hit a scoring corner shot.
Lower Right: Arthur Fabela centers the ball on his racket for a return shot.
Lower Center: Alan Bertozzi volleys for another score.
Center, Tennis Team, Front Row: Joe Layton, Marty Usiak, Kevin Keeler, Jeff Fletcher, Steve Sather, Bill Strohm, James Durham. **Back Row:** Phillip Bailey, Lanny Nelson, Mike Rangal,Alan Bertozzi, Nick Artino, Ray Gutierrez, Luis Gutierrez, Arthur Fabela.

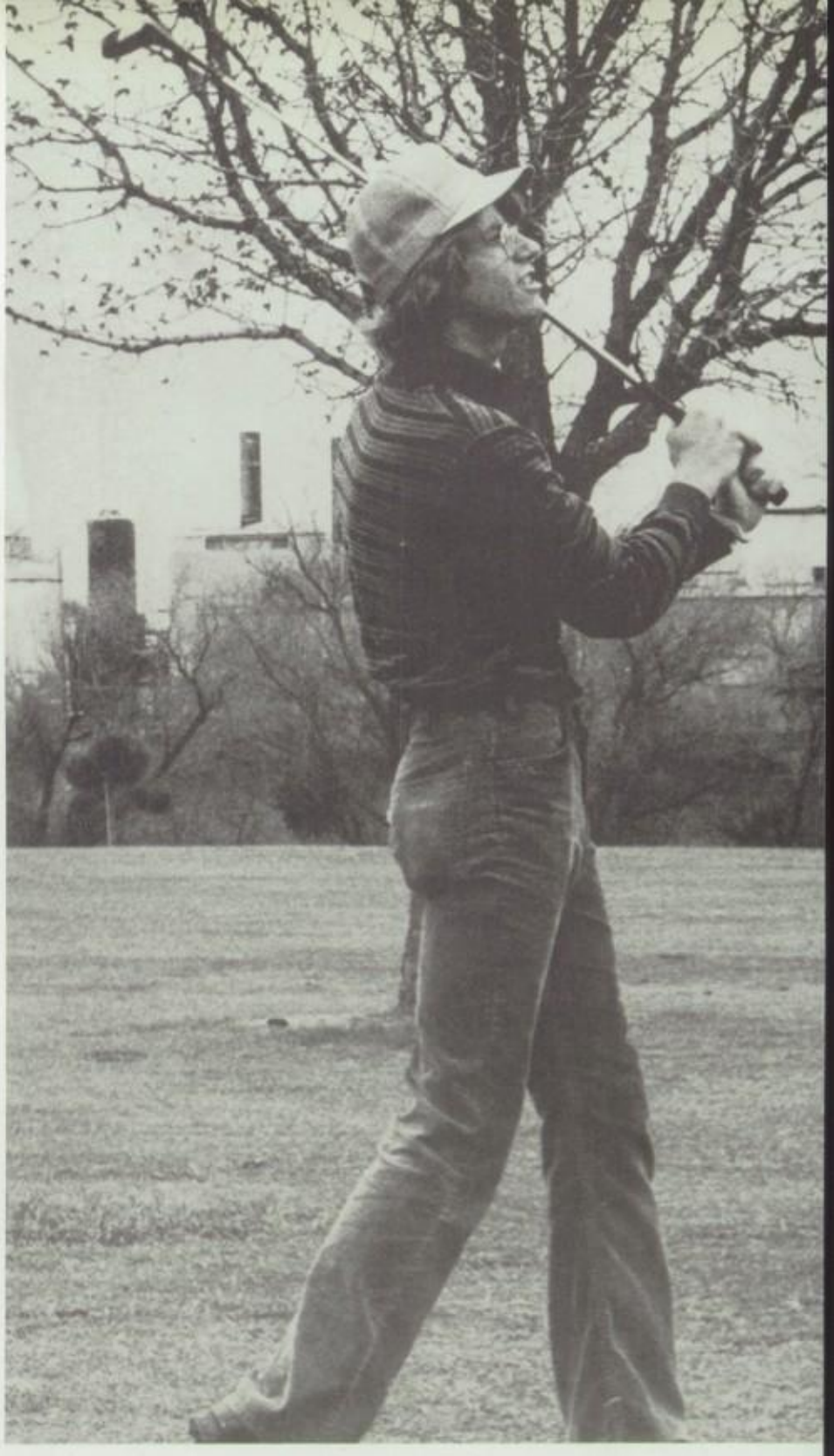


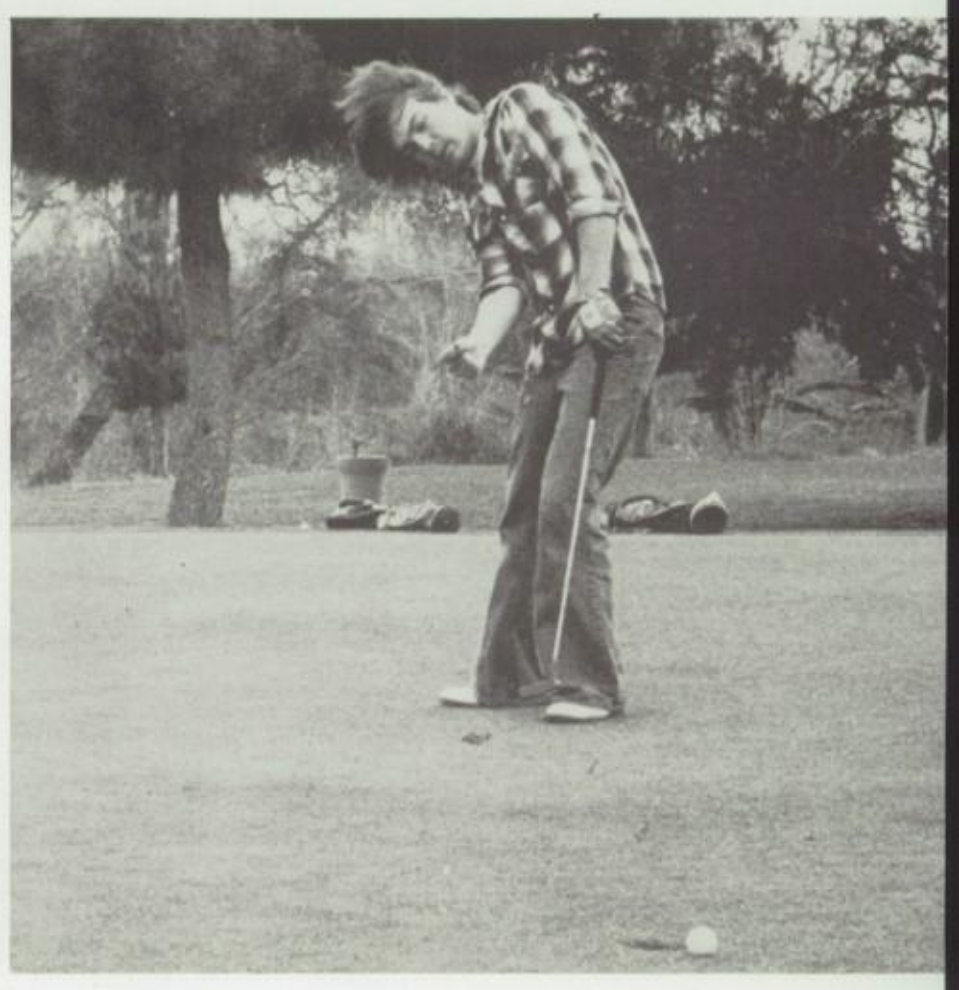
Golf Team contends for conference title led by veteran senior

Although the Golf Team was composed of only nine members, Coach Herb Poddig was confident in the ability displayed by each player, and had hopes for being a CCC contender when he stated early in March, "The conference title is up for grabs."

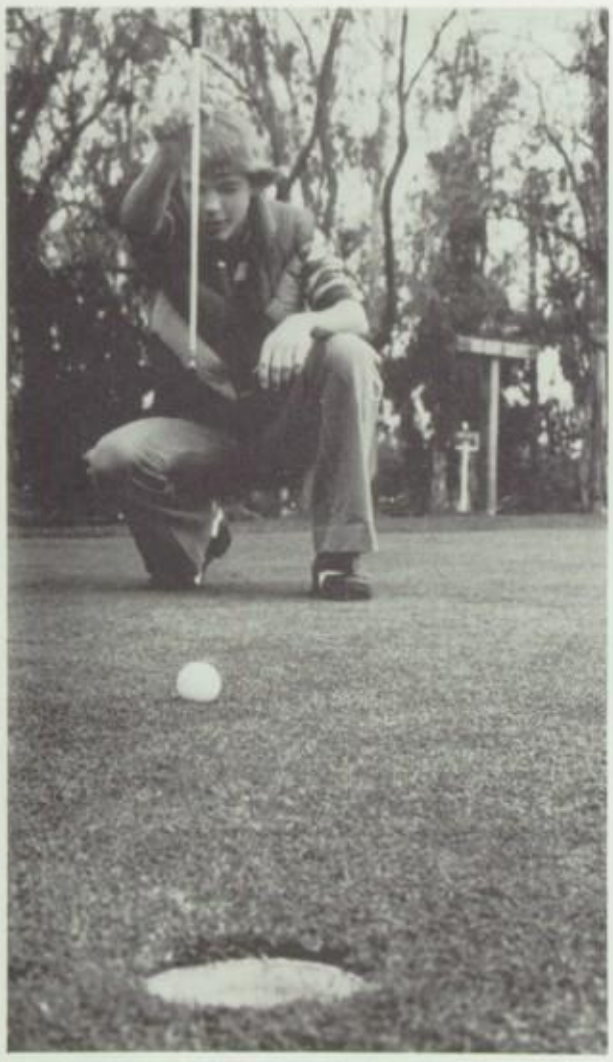
Afterschool practices were common during the early spring. Modesto High School is fortunate to have the city's two major golf courses, Muni and Dryden, located nearby.

Mark Anderson, the only senior on the team, led the squad with the best ranking average (lowest score). He inspired high hopes and set the goals for his teammates. The team was a young one; the majority of team members were sophomores. Hence, Coach Poddig had plans in the future.





Above: Mike Dibbens leans in hopes that his putt will angle into the hole.
Right: Robert Miller winds up for a long drive.



Far Left: Mark Anderson eyes a well-placed drive down the fairway.
Upper Center: Rick Brown lines up his next putt hoping for a par.
Left: Henry Palleschi shows excellent form in following through on a drive.
Lower Right: Rick Brown exerts energy to pound the ball with brute force.
Lower Center: Rick Chambers smacks his way out of the sand pit.
Far Lower Left: Robert Stack just misses a distant putt.

Above, Golf Team, Front Row: Henry Palleschi, Rick Brown, Mark Anderson. **Back Row:** Coach Herb Poddig, Rick Chambers, Robert Stack, Robert Miller, Mike Dibbens.

Queens receive glamorous honor

One of the most thrilling experiences in a girl's life is to be selected as a part of Fall or Winter Royalty. Secretly desired by almost every girl, the honer is conferred on these whom the teams feel have contributed most during the season.

Serving as Priscilla Panther for the fall, Martha Ketchum personified enthusiasm for the football team, and was appropriately coronated Homecoming Queen. As first attendant, Connie Jimenez was recognized for years of spirit promotion beginning with freshman yell leader and highlighting her senior year as a varsity songleader. Sophomore teams chose Doreen Tuggle, a yell leader as their fall queen.

Brenda Wheat reigned as Winter Queen, having held the position of frosh, sophomore, and varsity yell leader. Honored as attendant, Linda Nevitt joyfully concluded a season of many devoted hours as Rally Commissioner. Completing Winter Royalty was Peggy Palmer, who had been a freshman and sophomore yell leader.

Upper Left: Bill McHale presents Linda Nevitt with flowers as she is crowned Winter Sports Attendant.
Upper Center: Connie Jimenez expresses her joy after being crowned Fall Varisty Sports Attendant.
Upper Right: Fall Sports Queen Martha Ketchum leads the audience in the school Hymn.
Above: Spring Sports Queen Brenda Wheat gleefully awaits the presentation of her necklace by Robert Ulloa.
Right: Winter Sophomore Queen Peggy Palmer is in awe after being crowned.
Far Right: Fall Sophomore Queen Doreen Tuggle, exuberant with joy, reaches to test the realness of her crown.

Royalty

Connie Jimenez
fall varsity attendant

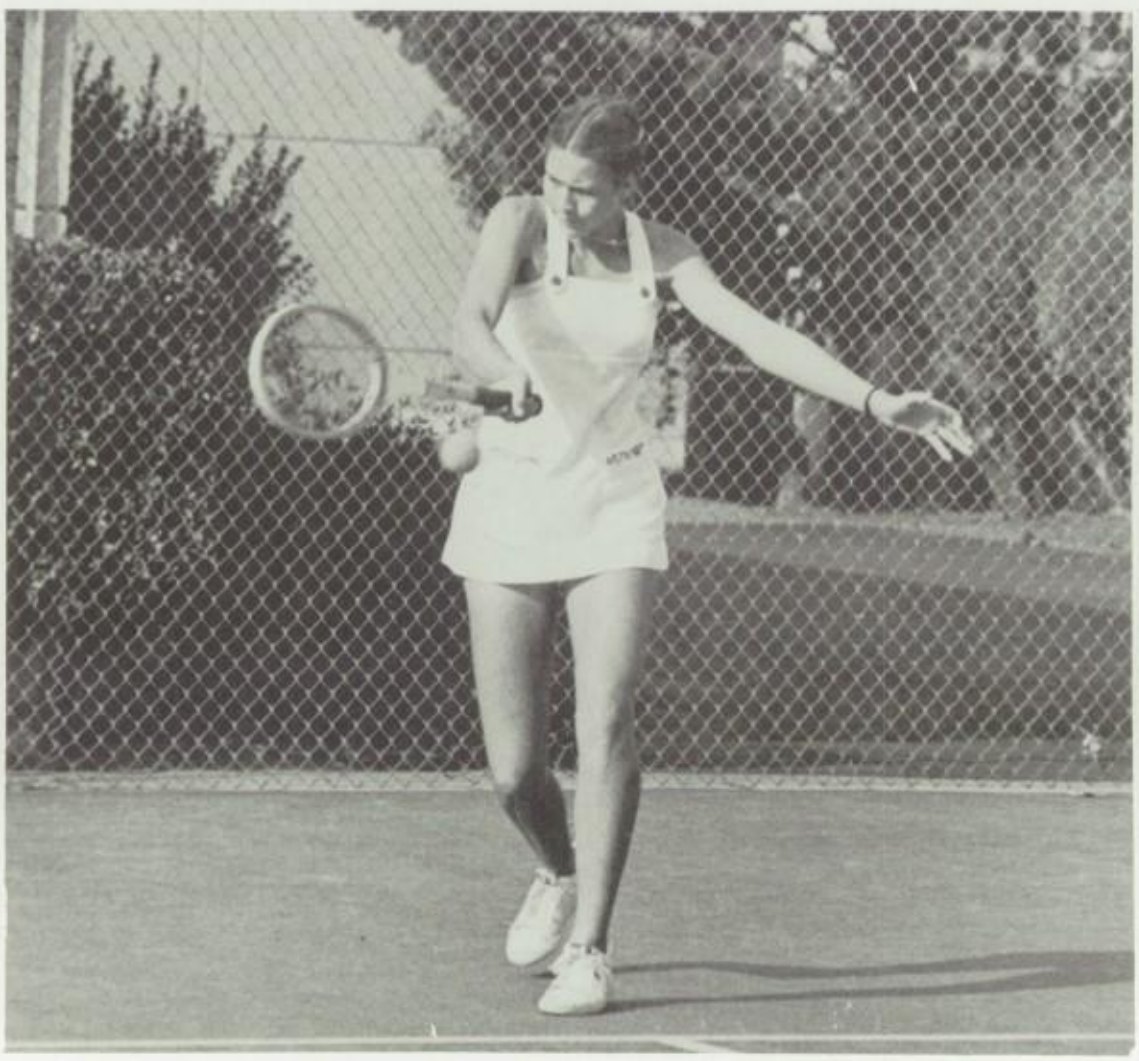
Martha Ketchum
fall varsity queen

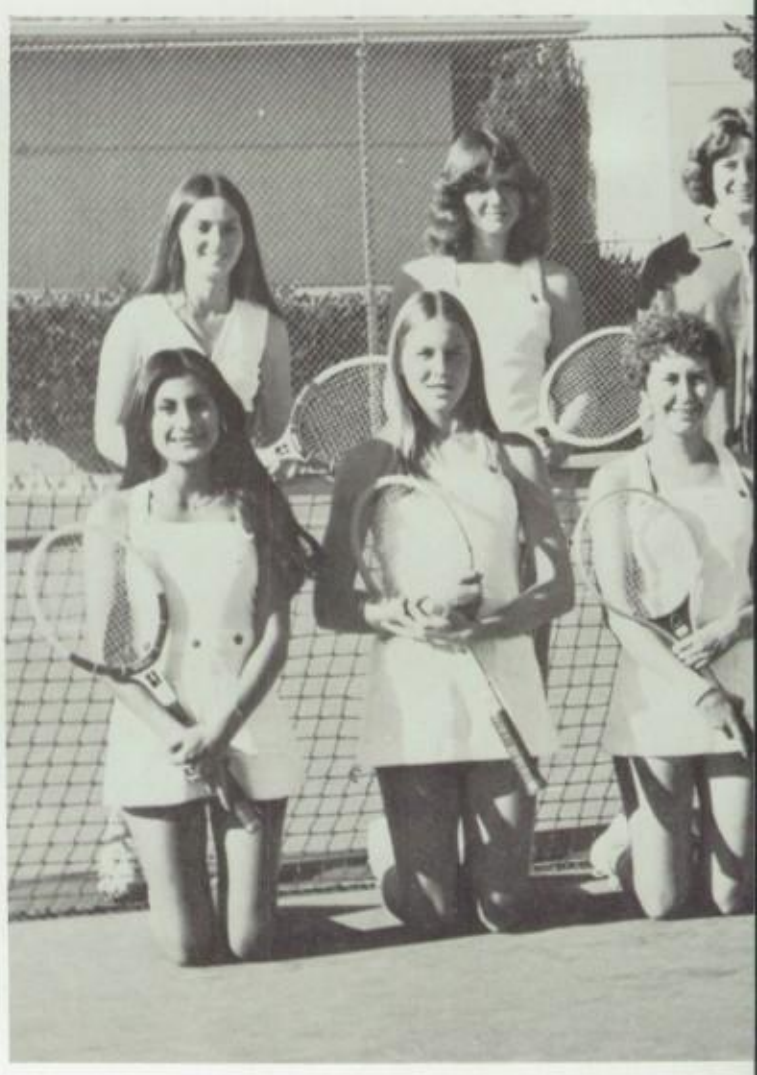
Doreen Tuggle
fall sophomore queen

Brenda Wheat
winter varsity queen

Linda Nevitt
winter varsity attendant

Peggy Palmer
winter sophomore queen





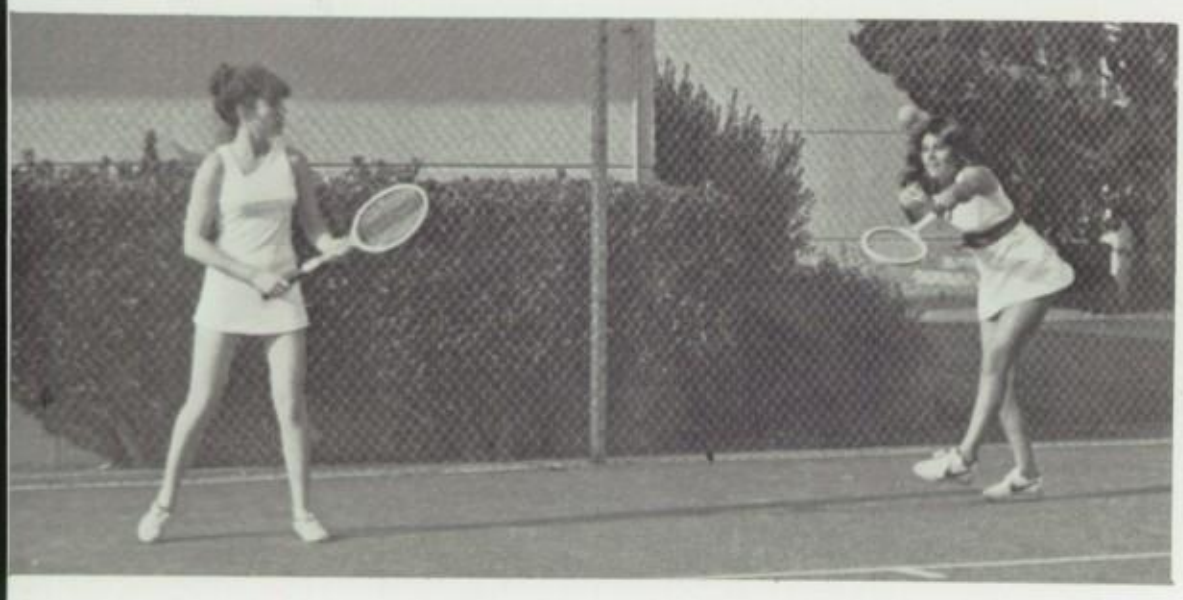
Upper Left: Suzanne Porcella volleys at the net while doubles partner Nancy Gay backs her up.
Upper Center: Providing water bottles and towels, manager Linda Vlach attentively views a match.
Upper Right: Third singles player Paula Morrow concentrates on one of her strongest points, her serve.
Far Right: Second singles player Betty Beasley runs for a difficult forehand shot.
Far Lower Right: Lisa Bentley stretches for a backhand as partner Hollie Skinner looks on.
Right: Gretchen Peek appears doubtful that coach Killam's advice is going to work for her.
Above: Sharon Lubeck returns with a strong forehand, displaying her winning style.

Center, Girls Tennis Team, Front Row: Betty Beasley, Sharon Lubeck, Paula Morrow, Bunny McHale, Lisa Bentley, Linda Vlach, Dee Killam.
Back Row: Manuela Dias, Gretchen Peek, Suzanne Porcella, Hollie Skinner, Michelle Hiler, Nancy Gay.

Young Girls Tennis Team led by sophomore standout

Girls Tennis was a very young team, with only one starter returning from last year's championship team. Headed by sophomore standout Sharon Lubeck, who ended the season 10-0 in Conference play, the team also contained newcomers Betty Beasley and Paula Morrow in second and third singles positions who proved to be stiff competition for their more experienced opponents. Doubles teams changed players frequently, with the inter-squad rivalry for a better position on the team helping to improve the player's games as well as boost their competitiveness.

Returning from last years junior varsity team, Lisa Bentley and Nancy Gay showed improvement on the varsity team. Also showing improvement and promise for the future were sophomores Gretchen Peek and Ellen McHale. With a season record of 3-9, Coach Dee Killam was proud of her novices and took great comfort in the experience they had gained for next year.



Courage, effort, and spirit prove insufficient in struggle for victories

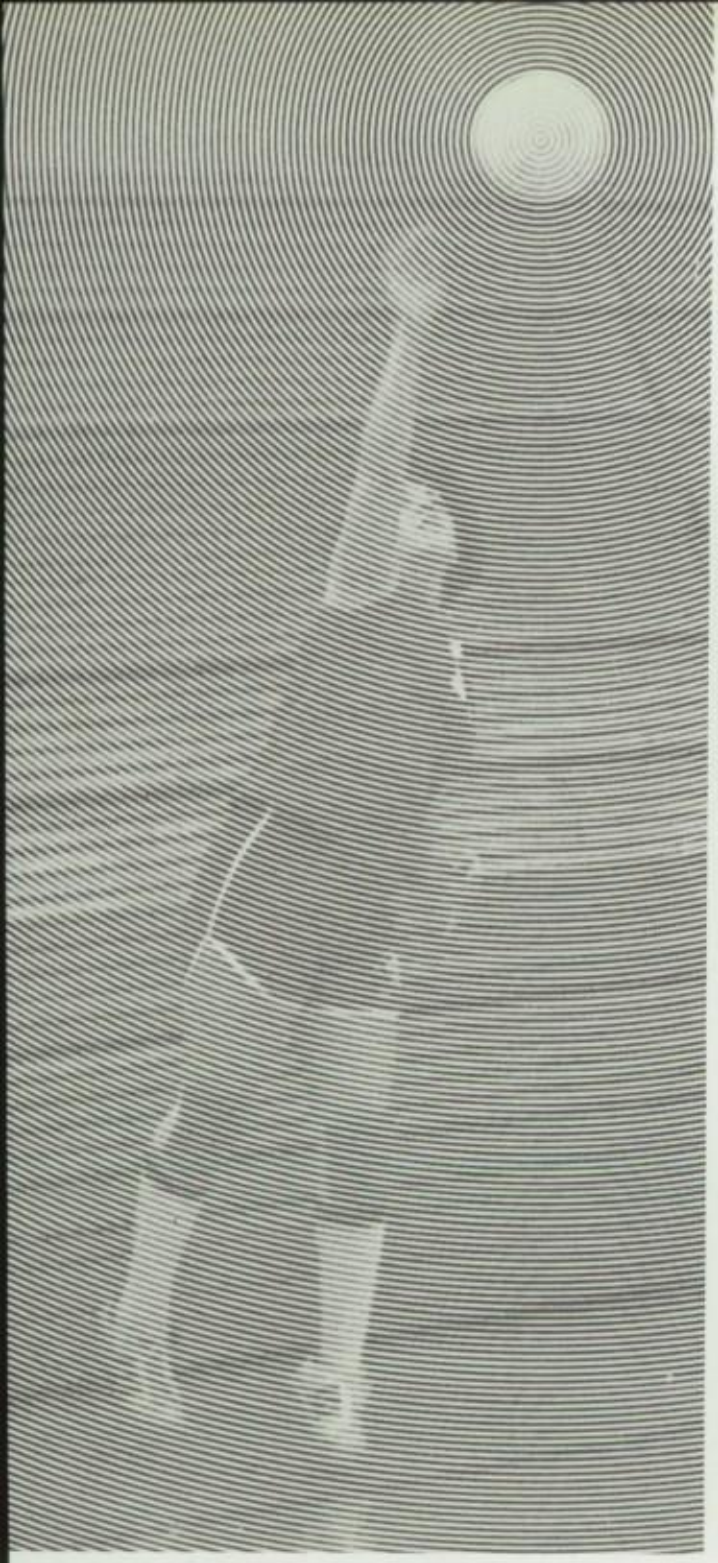
Despite winning exhibition matches against Hughson and Tracy, Girls Volleyball was edged off the court during much of the regular season. Nonetheless, courage, effort, and spirit ran high as girls continued to struggle for those difficult victories.

Earning the Most Valuable Player award, team captain Kathy Fernandes led the varsity squad to victories over Beyer and Downey. Diane Louis, another outstanding player, was given an honorable mention in the CCC standings. Most Improved was Gayle Davis, who enthusiastically contributed much effort.

After nine consecutive losses, the J.V. Volleyball team achieved victory over Beyer, but suffered defeat in its two final outings to conclude the season 1—11.

Right, Varsity Volleyball Team, Front Row: Julie Henriques, Janie Zumbach. **Second Row:** Sandra Cardoza, Betty Martinez, Diane Louis. **Third Row:** Debbie Lyles, Sherril Sather, Linda Mitts. **Top:** Kathy Fernandes.

Upper Center: Debbie Lyles and Diane Louis prepare for a slam, while opponents nervously await their return.
Upper Right: Diane Louis concentrates intenseley for a scoring serve.
Far Right: Diane Louis sets the ball up as Julie Henriques moves back into position.
Center Right: Teammates look on as Lorraine Rosa stretches for a high lob.
Above: Varsity Team gets psyched up with a yell for victory.



Below, Junior Varsity Team, Front Row: Suzanne Crum, Sharon Bertozzi. **Second Row:** Ruth Richards, Dana Snyder, Geraldine Nunes, Teresa Bates, Coach Wilson. **Third Row:** Deidre Bradford, Lori Conrad, Lorraine Rosa.

Lack of depth contributes to unsuccessful season for Girls Basketball

Once again having 'just enough' players to constitute a team, Girls' Varsity Basketball consisted mostly of experienced juniors and seniors while underclassmen formed the Junior Varsity team.

Starting the season successfully, the varsity squad achieved an impressive third place victory in the preseason Ceres Tournament during Christmas vacation. Winning over five other teams, it was the first trophy received by an MHS girls' basketball team since competition began in the CCC in 1975. However, the female Panthers newly found success was short-termed as Varsity finished the season with only one league win and the JV team ended with two.

Much to the satisfaction of the varsity squad, their only win came by defeating city rival Downey High 54-52 after previously losing to the Knights in a highly contested overtime game which ended with only one point in the Knights' favor.

Despite the seemingly frustrating season, three of the team members, senior Diane Louis, junior Kathy Fernandes and sophomore Julie Henriques received Honorable Mentions for the all-CCC squad. Teammates voted Julie the 'Most Valuable' trophy and MaryAnn Henriques 'Most Improved.'

Jim Autry, coach for both teams, reflected back over his first year of coaching experience, "It was enjoyable until some of the members became discouraged towards the end and quit the team."

Above: Becky Hawkins receives a pass from JV teammate Dana Snyder.
Upper Right: Julie Henriques stretches for a jump ball against an Atwater opponent.
Right: Lori Conrad darts through the key as Gayle Davis looks for an open teammate.

Left, Girls Basketball Team, Front Row: Norma Savala, Janie Zumbach, Dana Snyder, Debbie Stroud, Becky Hawkins. **Back Row:** Sherril Sather, Dianne Louis, Kathy Fernandes, Sandra Cardoza, Julie Henriques, Coach Jim Autry.

Center: Diane Louis takes a jump shot over opponents as Gayle Davis and Lori Conrad await the rebound.
Above: Coach Jim Autry pleads for last-minute heroics to pull the Panthers ahead in overtime.
Left: Maria Alvarado and Dana Snyder get tangled up while recovering a loose ball.
Far Left: In a JV game Dana Snyder wins a jmp ball as teammate Maria Alvarado looks on.

Strong showing creates optimistic attitude for Girls' Track Team

The 22 members of the Girls Track Team was composed largely of freshmen and sophomores, contributing to their inexperience. Yet their strong showing gave Coach Carolyn Leathers reason for optimism.

The team was led by several outstanding runners, including Nina Satriles in the half mile and Betty Martinez in the mile, Bunny McHale in the 440, and sprinters Pam Brasil and Sally Beard. In field events, junior Linda Mitts dominated both the discus throw and shot put by heaving the weights further than any of her competitors. Freshman Julie Maddox did an outstanding job in the long jump.

Above: Linda Mitts shows strength as she struggles to put the shot as far as possible.
Far Upper Right: Julie Mattox stretches for one more inch in the long jump.
Center Right: Pam Brasil and Sandra Jackson race for first in the one hundred yard dash.
Right, Girls Track Team, First Row: Gloria Catzalco, Lisa Robertson, Diane Oliver, Kay Petty, Norma Zavala. **Second Row:** Pam Brazil, Sandra Jackson, Nina Satriles, Tina Simpson, Karen Walker, Lynn Martin. **Third Row:** Chrjstina Moran, Betty Martinez, Bunny McHale, Suzanne Osterero, Linda Mitts, Evelyn Thompson, Julie Mattox.

Far Left: Diane Louis positions herself to catch a popped foul as catcher for the team.
Left, Girls Softball Team, First Row: Desi Angle, Dana Snyder, Gayle Davis, Debbie Sheppard. **Second Row:** Kathy Fernandes, Merete Hoy, Marlene Avila, Tania Graver, Geraldine Nunes. **Third Row:** Kathy Fultz, Gretchen Peek, Loranne Rosa, Ester Flores, Rosalinda Martinez. **Fourth Row:** Shannon Watson, Natalie Bates, Dianne Louis, Joyce Borba, Janie Zumbach.
Center Left: Geraldine Nunes and Kathy Fultz anticipate a slider from Lorraine Rosa during practice while Natalie Bates and Marlene Avila watch.
Below: Kathy Fernandez silently begs for the ball to come to her to make a third out.
Far Lower Left: Christina Moran yells 'batter swing!' while Natalie Bates releases a slow pitch.

New uniforms and large turnout produce results for Softball Team

Girls Softball began the season with an unusually large team of 28, consisting mainly of sophomores. The two standouts were both seniors. With Natalie Bates on the pitcher's mound and Diane Louis behind the plate, MHS sported one of the toughest batteries in the league. This spectacular combination made it difficult for opponents to hit, steal, or score.

New uniforms gave the girls added incentive to try to improve their playing skills so as to play as good as they looked.

The team's strong point was its batting, which contributed to the overall team statistics. Coach Yvonne Wilson felt the young team did a fine job. Said Wilson, "It was wonderful to have the problem of too many girls out for the team instead of not enough for a change."

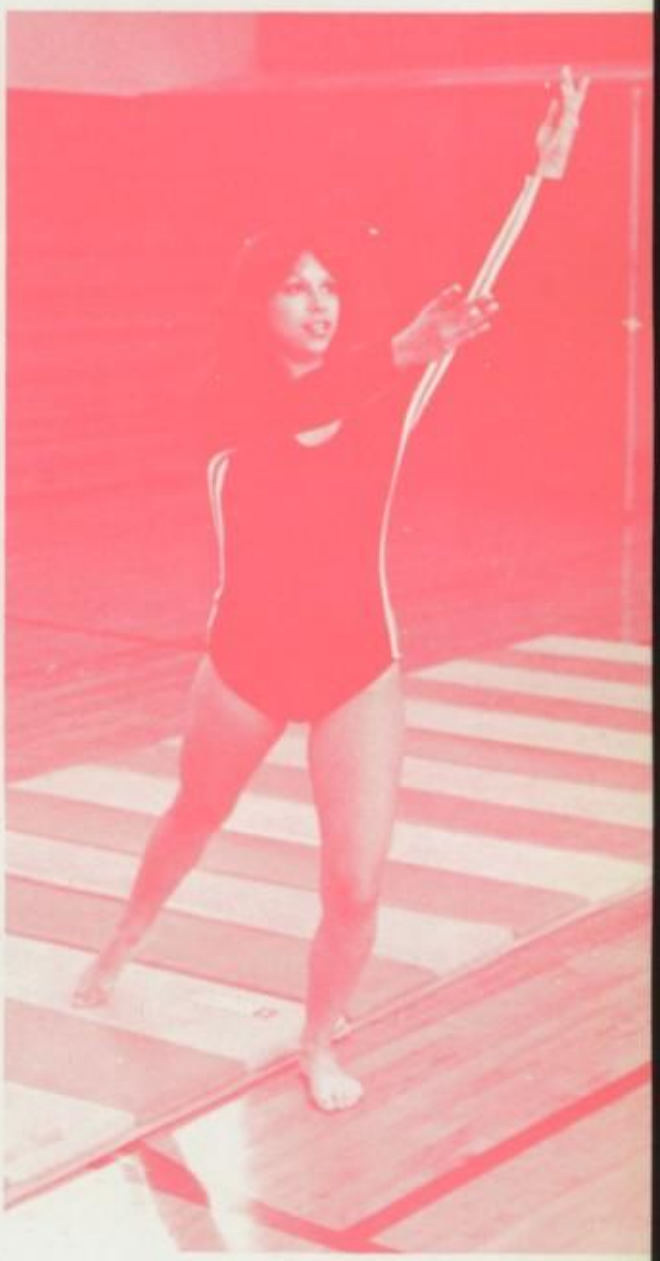
Girls Gymnastics takes first in CCC for second year in a row

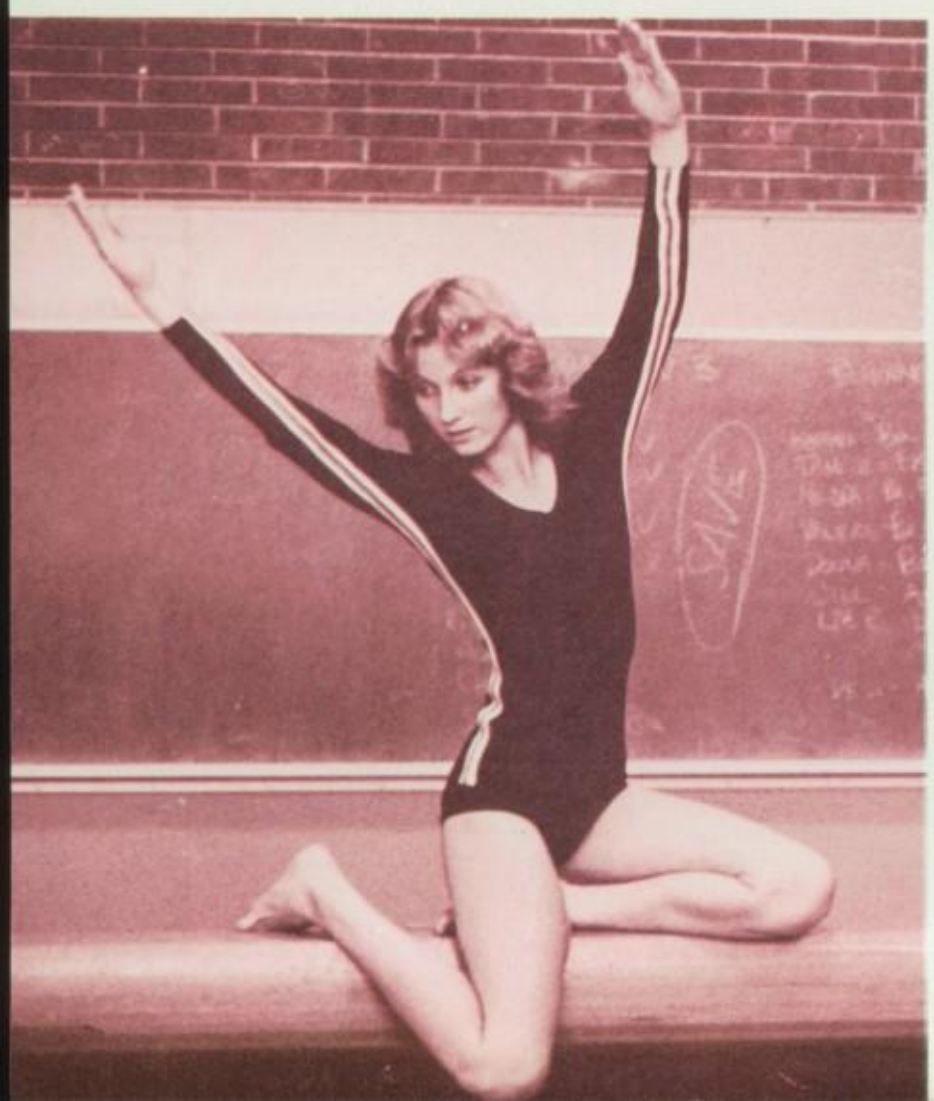
Winning all their league meets, the Girls Gymastics Team had an exceptional year, producing an impressive 6-0 record and resulting in the CCC co-championship with cross-town rival Beyer.

Despite receiving a much needed padded beam to provide more versatility in future competition, the beginners had a rough season, due to the fact that they were still learning the basics of gymnastics. But the varsity team contained eleven members, an exceptionally large number compared to most other schools, and MHS thus had a lot more experience on the varsity team, wich was evident at the meets.

Standouts included senior Jaylene Tuggle and junior Trina Russell who consistently placed in the top three in almost every meet. They went on to take second and third in the CCC championship meet.

Upper Right: Anita Menghetti straddles the low bar during an optional routine.
Above: Trina Russell executes an aerial walkover with great ease.
Right, Gymnastics Team Front: Trina Russell. **First Row:** Susie Campbell, Jaylene Tuggle, Anita Menghetti, Helen Jimenez, Christy Martinez. **Second Row:** Shawn Robertson, Suzanne Fisher, Coach Carolyn Leathers, Pam White, Peggy Palmer. **Third Row:** Donna Westfall, Jill Hope, Valerie Smith, Jimmie Easley, Susan Singleton, Liz Rodriguez. **Fourth Row:** Dianna Ybarra, Teri Layton, Rhonda Bradley, Desi Angle, Neidre Chase.





Upper Left: A handspring vault is executed by Suzanne Fisher.
Upper Right: To protect her hand, Coach Carolyn Leathers tapes Anita Menghetti's palm.

Above: Helen Jimenez extends her arms during a performance of the floor exercise.

Left: Tó keep from 'ripping' on the unevens, Rhonda Bradley chalks up.

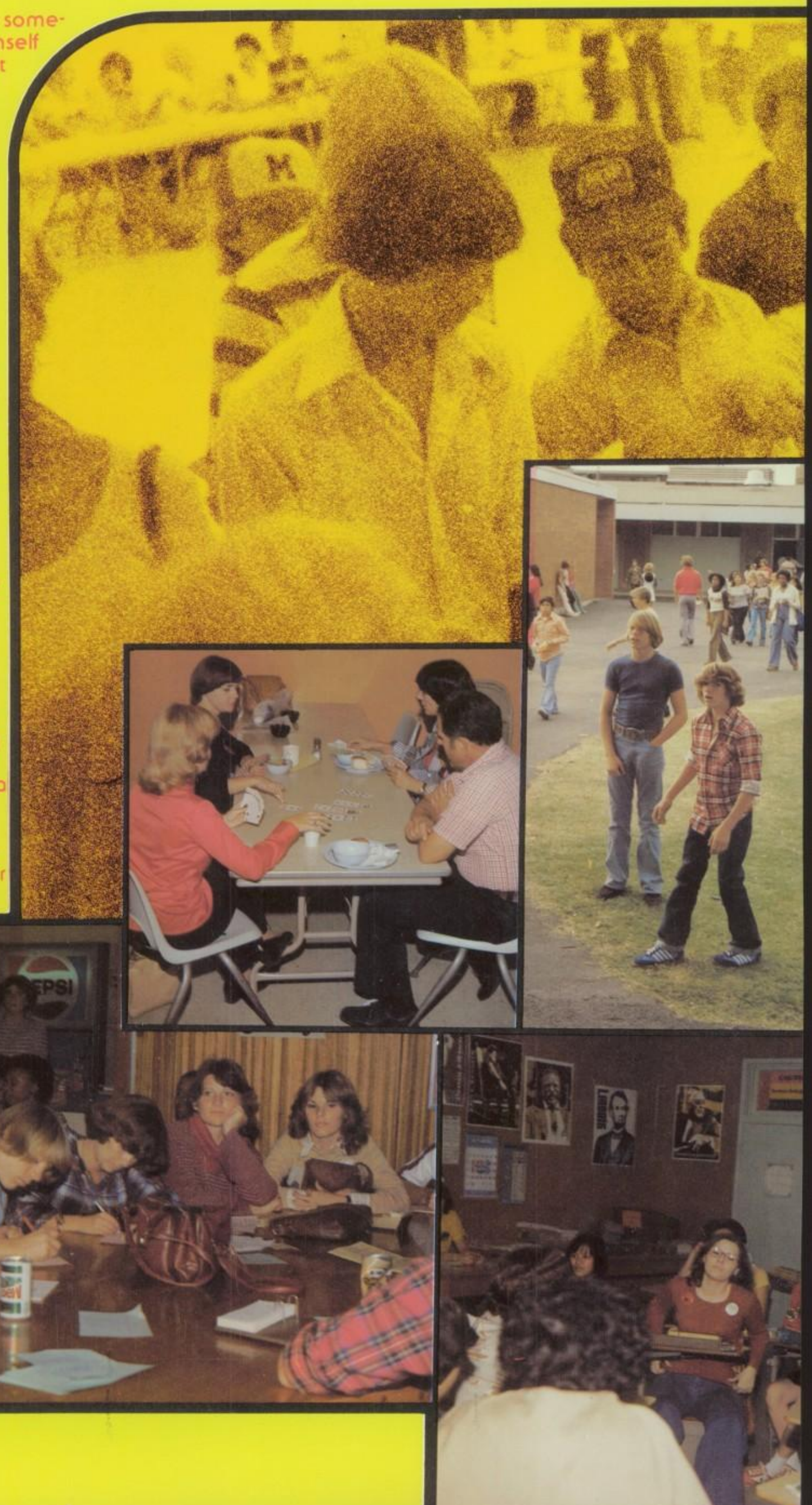
Lower Left: Adding grace to her beam routine, Susie Campbell inserts a pose.

Center Left: Pam White practices an optional routine on the unevens during class.

People setting out to be someone, each choosing for himself what he wants: students at Modesto High School display many differences, more so than at most other schools, yet still feel a sense of belonging. In age, sex, ethnic origin, ability, and personal lifestyles, everyone contributes his own part to bring about one school spirit—a feeling of unity.

A new administration brought a new atmosphere along with a new class schedule. Going to a single lunch period for the first time in many years, students found it easier to get together with friends. The small enrollment of recent years permitted—even demanded—the unifying effects of a single lunch period to help provide a more powerful feeling of spirit and enthusiasm.

The School Board's commitment to increasing the enrollment and improving the educational program at MHS has also provided a much-needed boost to staff and student morale, even if the proposed solutions are long-range rather than immediate.



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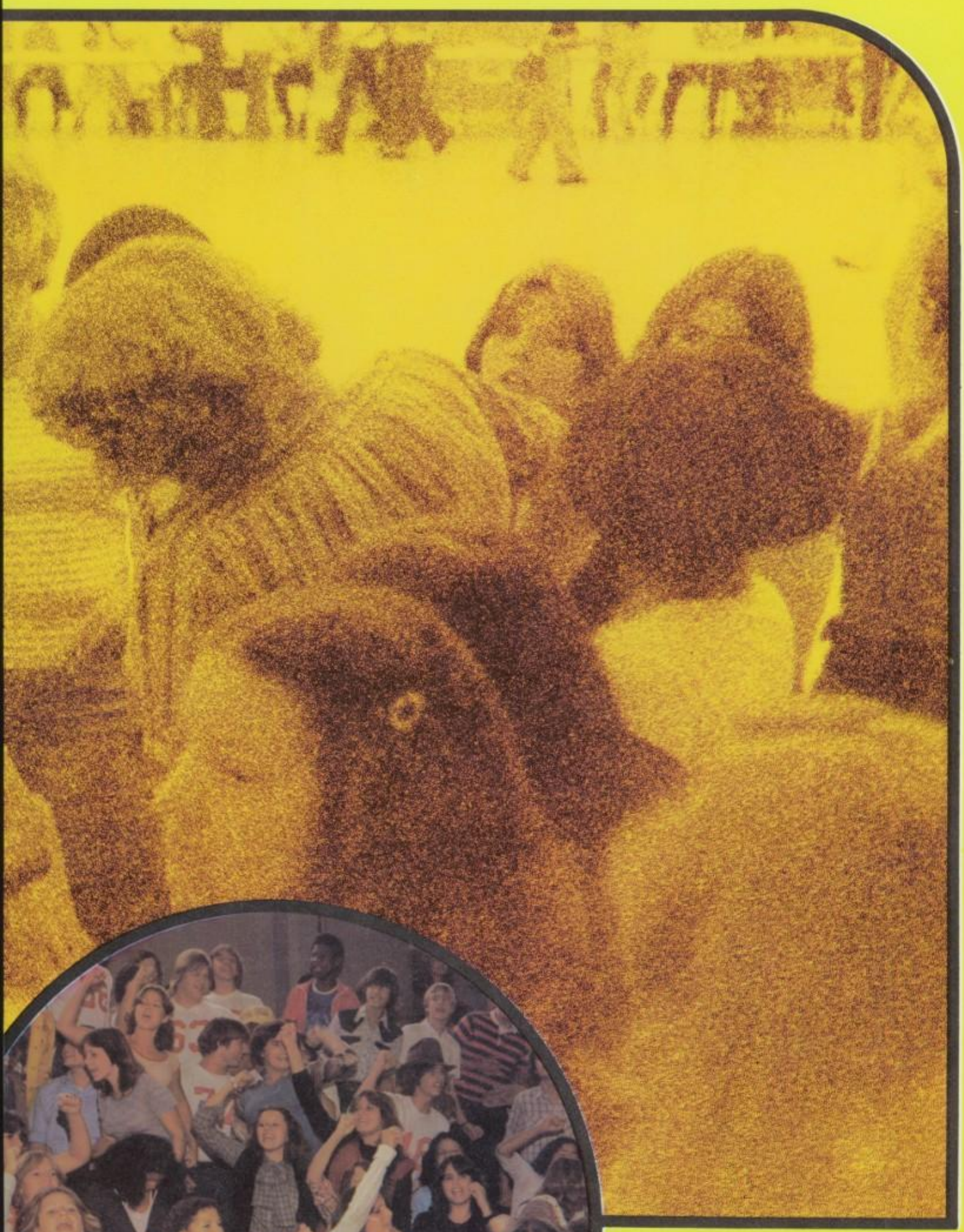


Top: Both students and staff contribute their cooperation to the newly instituted walk-around registration the week before school.

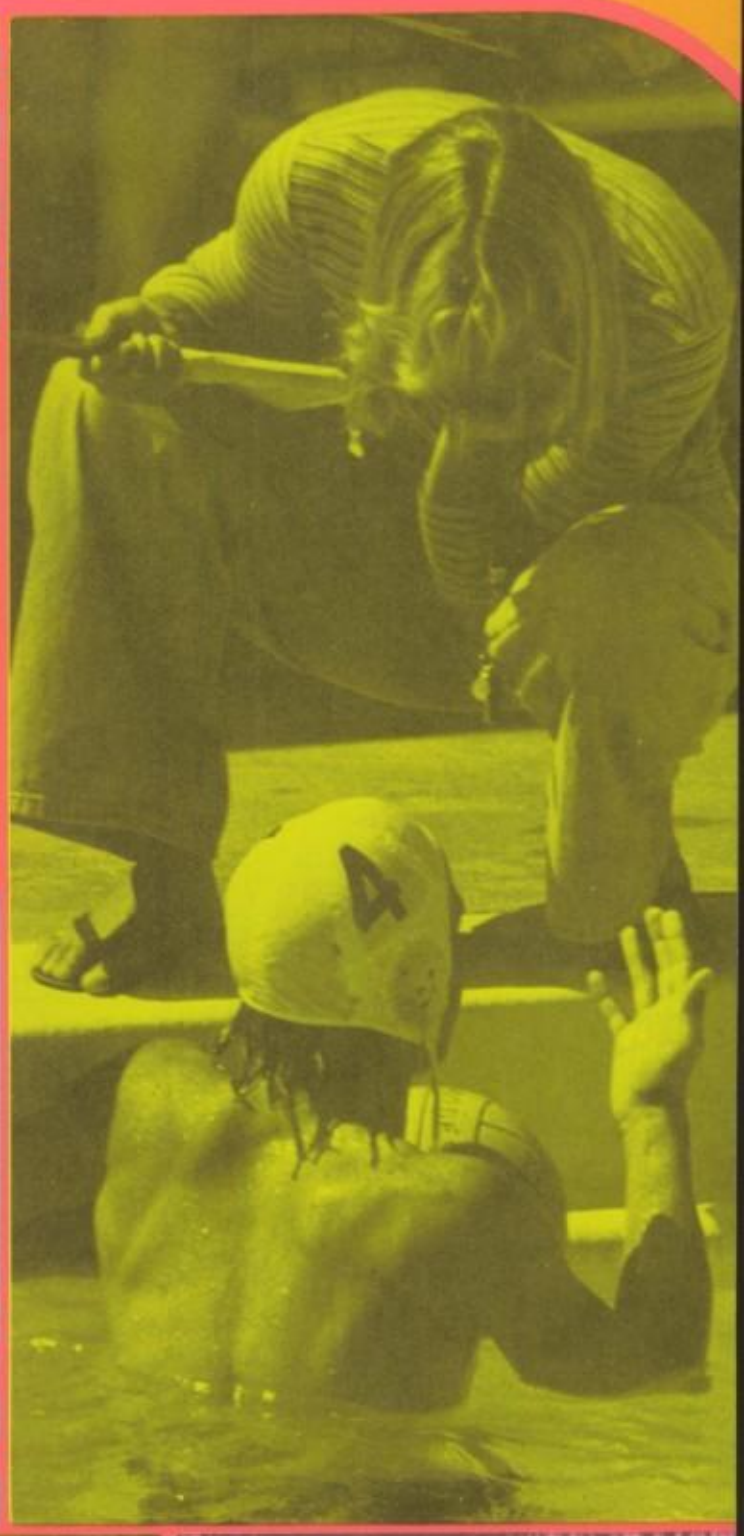
Upper Left: Mrs. Dinsmore, Mrs. McGhee, Mrs. Fisher, and Mr. Cosgrave enjoy one of their regular noontime bridge games.

Upper Center: As the world rushes by, Mark Broadwell and Gary Maxwell find themselves confused on which way to go.

Circle: An enthusiastic "Beat Turlock!" rumbled by the Class of '80 quakes the Girls Gym during a fall Rally.

Lower Center: Linda Vallin perceives a slight di"erence of opinion in fellow government students during a small group discussion.

Far Left: President Robin Barnhill conducts a meeting of the House of Representatives while Mark Broadwell and Tammy Santos jot down some quick notes, and Jill Meadows and Connie Mayfield are lost in a world of daydreams.



'it's who runs the show'

With enrollment decreasing yearly, there seemed little possibility for additions to the staff. Yet through transfers, resignations and leaves of absence, more than 20 new people came to Modesto High School.

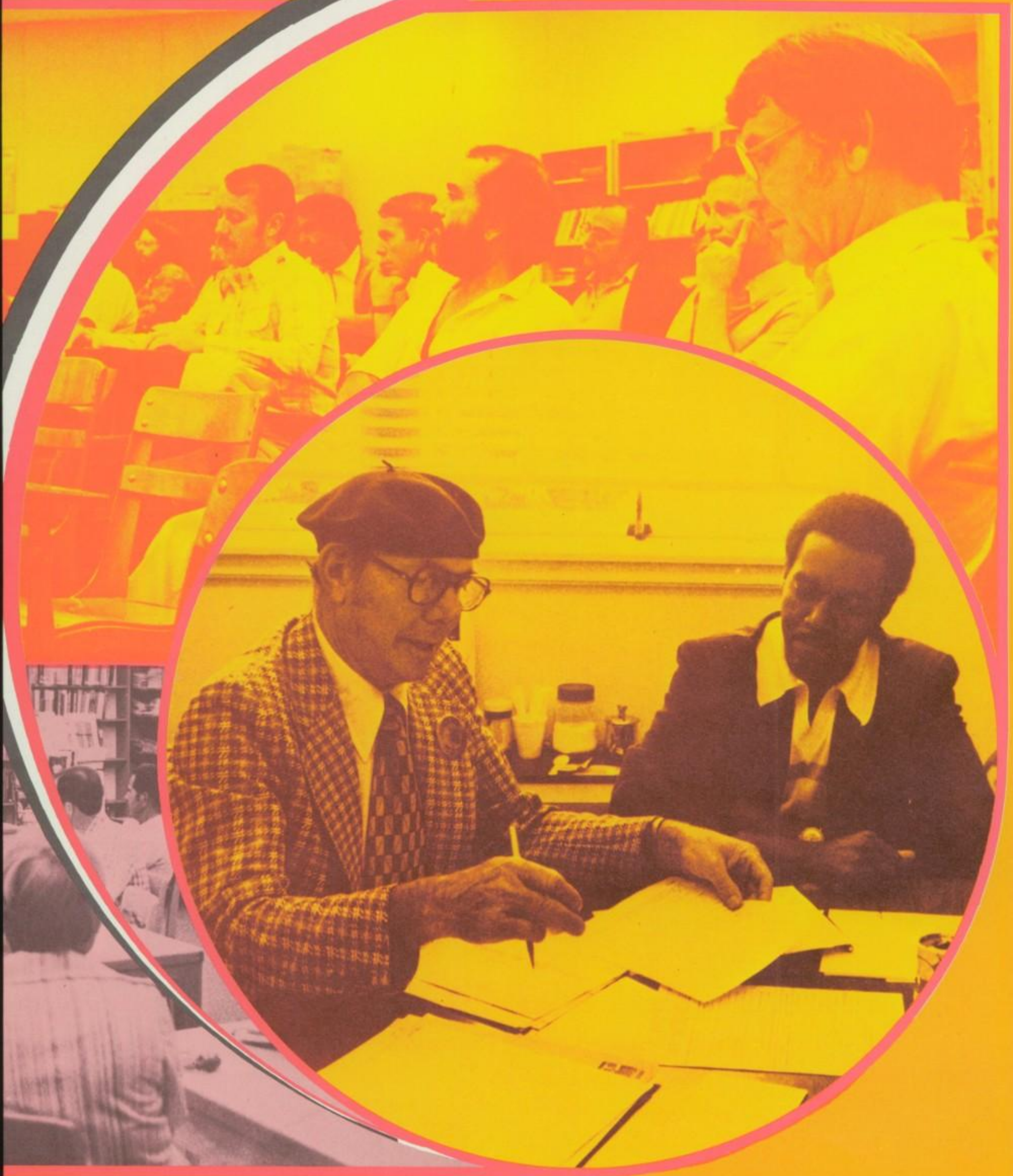
Most apparent were shifts in administration. MHS received new principal James Sherman, formerly vice-principal at Beyer High, and assuming responsibilites as the new assistant principal was Ron Hill, formerly the dean of attendance.

Trudy Kamps became the senior counselor while Sheridan King assumed duties as the freshman counselor.

Ten new teachers joined the staff, most of them on part-time or split school assignments. Backing them up were many familiar faces of teachers who have served the Panthers as coaches, club advisors and friends for many years.

staff

Far Left: Ms. Sherry King and Miss Trudy Kamps confer over a student's choice of courses for a college prep plan.
Left: Don Howell discusses a strategic water-polo play with Coach Teresa Schmidt.
Below: Staff members including Col. Schales, Mr. Pelucca, Mr. Gonsalves, and Mr. Amstutz sit through a seemingly boring faculty meeting.
Circle: Principal James Sherman and Asst. Principal Ron Hill toil over an endless amount of paper work, a major part of their jobs.
Lower Center: Mr. Pelucca explains consequences of the late 1977 Spending Freeze to interested faculty.
Far Lower Left: Tom Changnon chuckles amusedly over a student's timely joke.
Far Center Left: Title I Coordinator Art Barba signs in for another day of busy activities.



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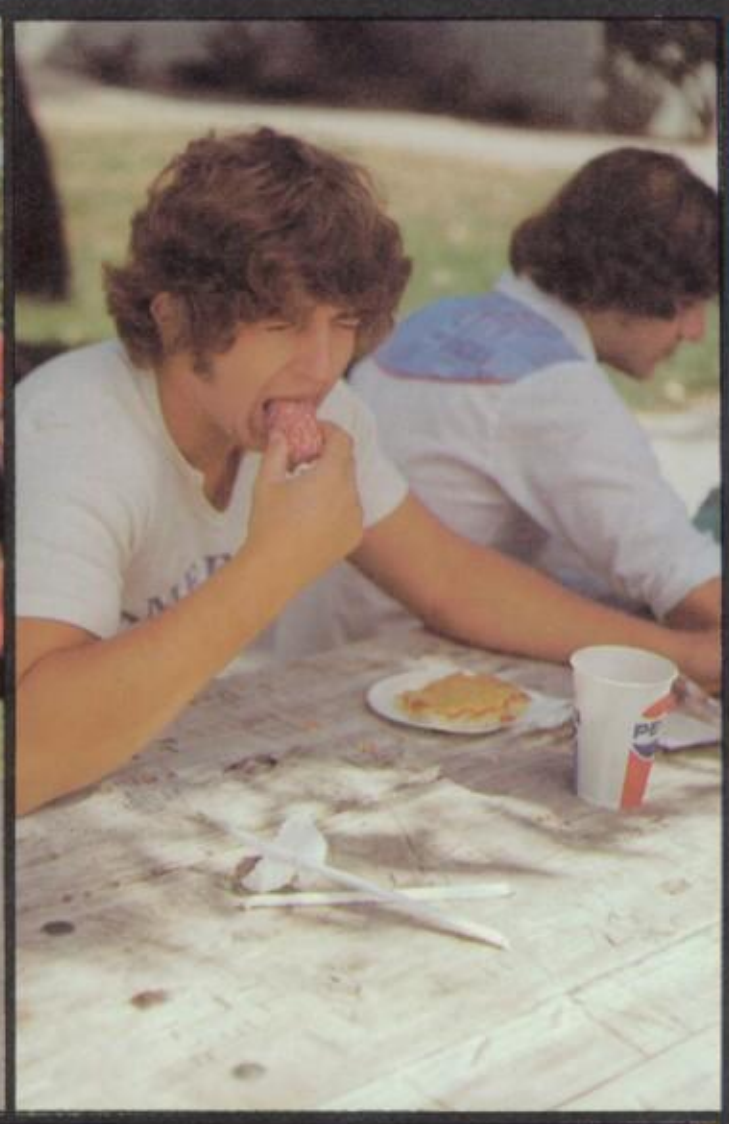


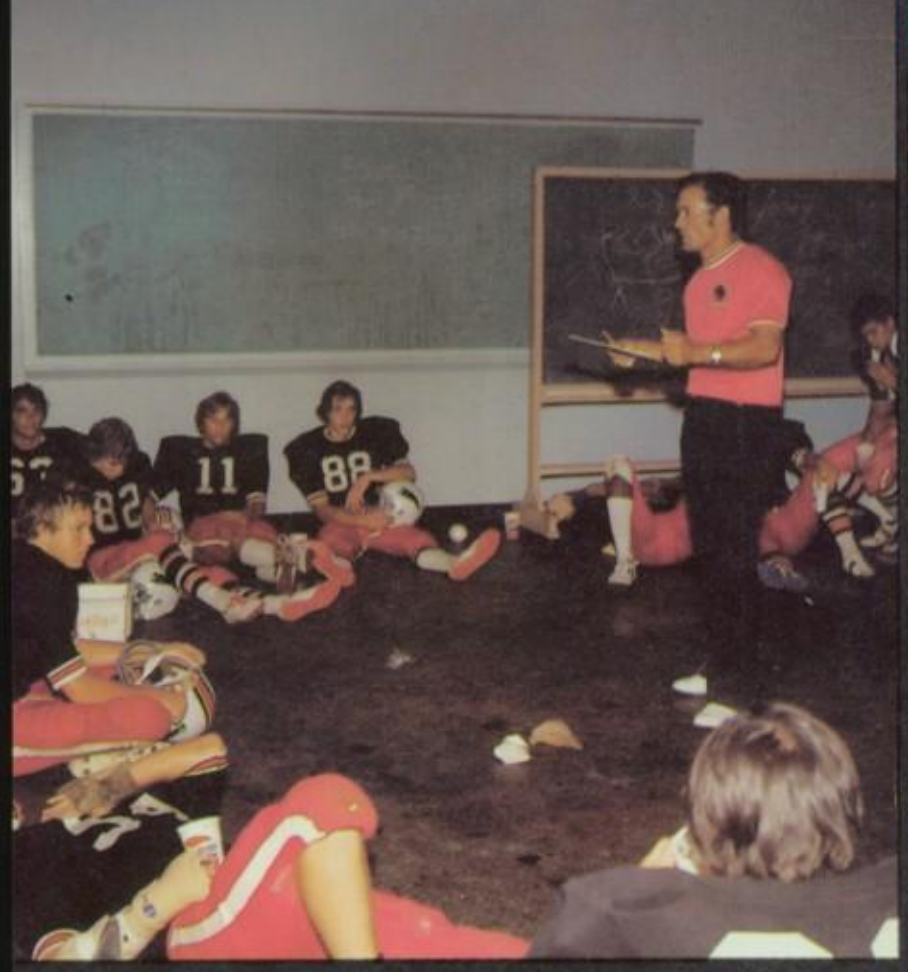
'time out for a breather'

Breaks took on new significance with the addition of a 'nutrition break' between second and third periods. This 15-minute 'breather' added to the customary 5-minute passing period gave students time to buy 'junk food' from the student store or snack bar and unwind from the monotony of early morning classes.

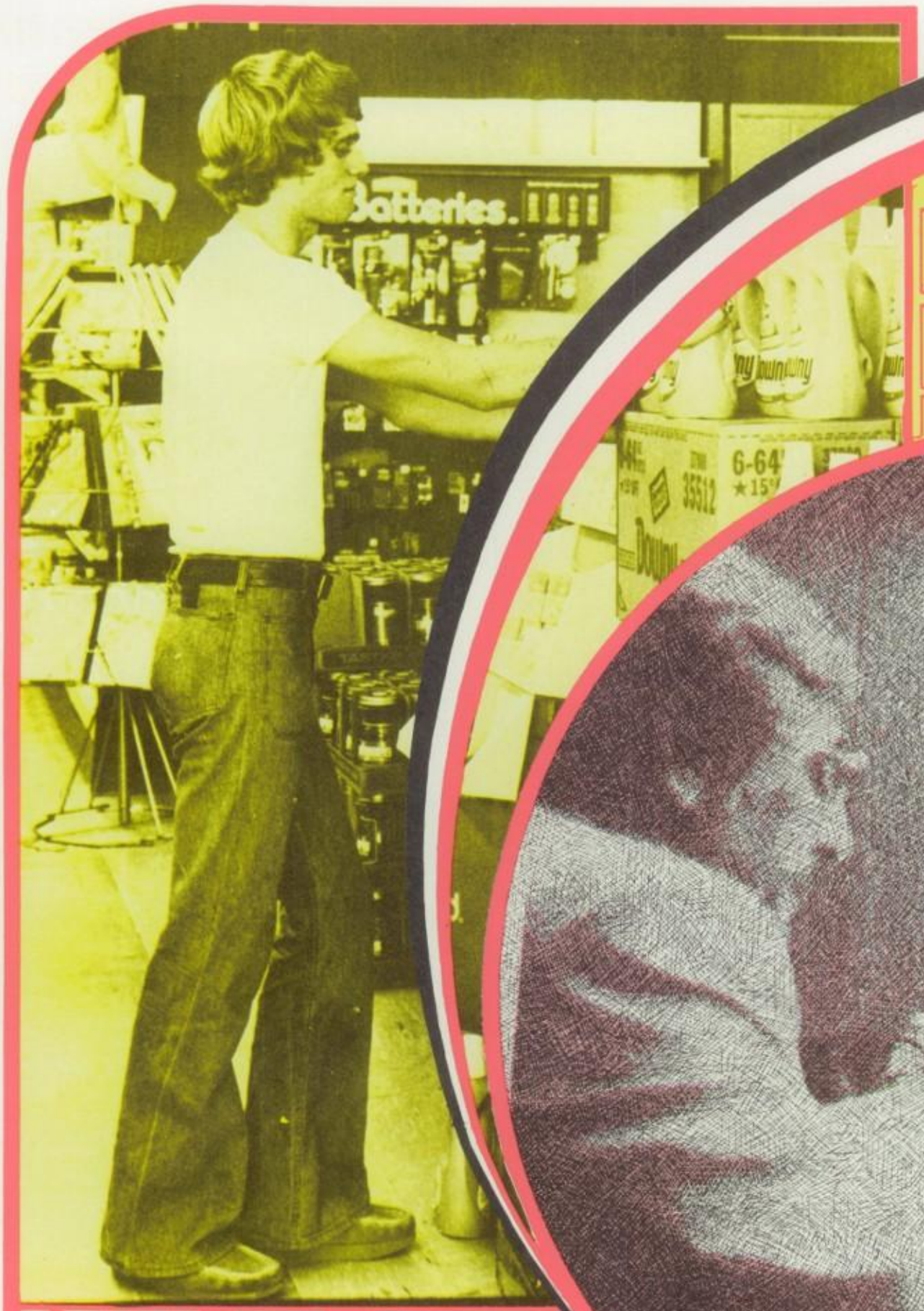
While most students chose to enjoy themselves, these few precious minutes were used by some to study just a little more for a test or to finish homework due later in the day.

Lunchtime is always eagerly awaited for its chance to relax and enjoy lunch with friends. The cafeteria, student store, and the courtyards proved to be popular places to spend lunchtime. However, some students regularly chose to leave campus to eat at a fast food restaurant, while others duck out in different nooks and crannies of the school.

'Breaks' also means luck or the lack of it, and the Panthers didn't have enough to go around much of the year. Still competing in the Central California Conference with schools up to twice as large, and fighting the effects of a year of uncertainty during the MHS Study Committee hearings, Panther Spirit nonetheless began reasserting itself with a healthy surge of self-confidence.



Circle: Choosing to buy a 'Class A' lunch, students find tuna sandwiches on the day's menu.
Upper Center: During lunch, Kelly Bizzini, Tony Barnett and others practice for that evening's game with a Nerf football.
Upper Right: After four periods of class, Stacy Burkes can't wait to wolf down his coconut Zinger.
Above Right Mark Tanner and Nina Satriles enjoy a quiet moment alone on the front lawn.
Above Left: Coach Adams gives an encouraging pep talk during half time.
Left: Jessica Potts changes books at her locker before the tardy bell.
Far Left: Sitting in the peaceful courtyard by the tennis courts, Carlos Espinoza, George Villegas, and Chrissy Bonales have a pleasurable lunch.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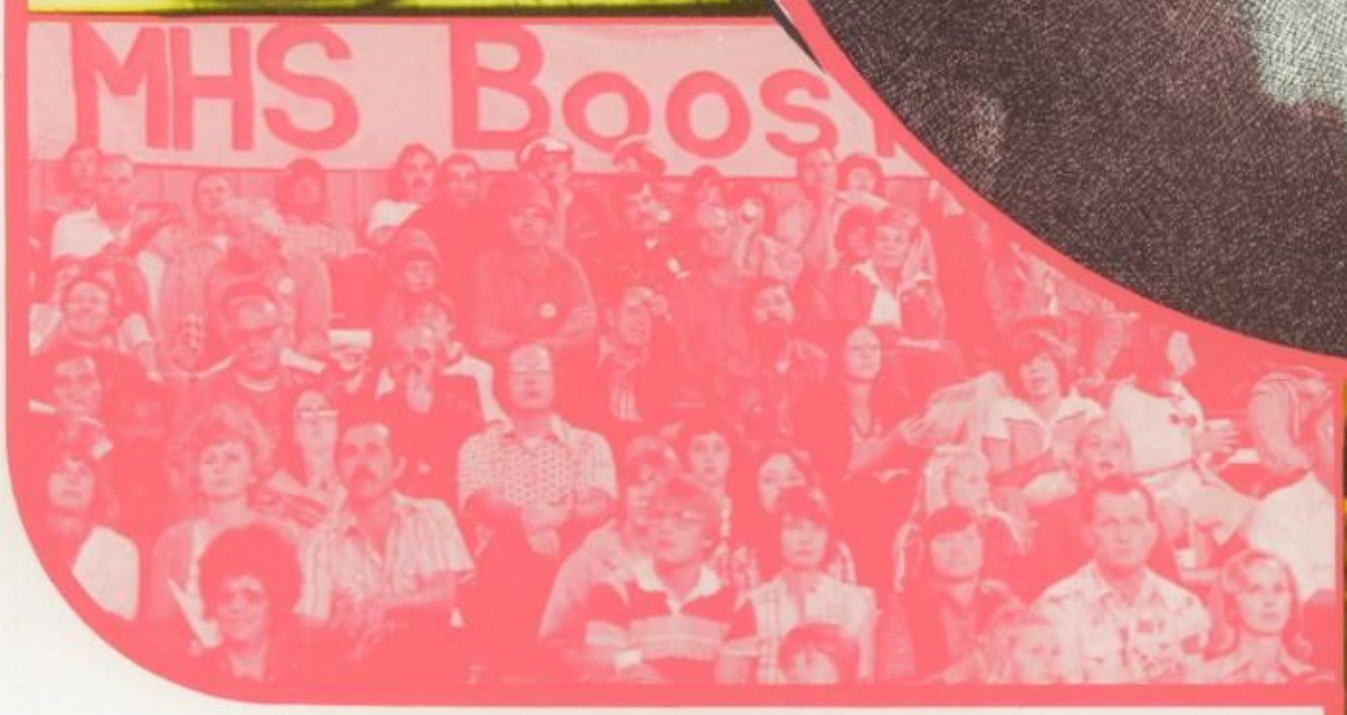
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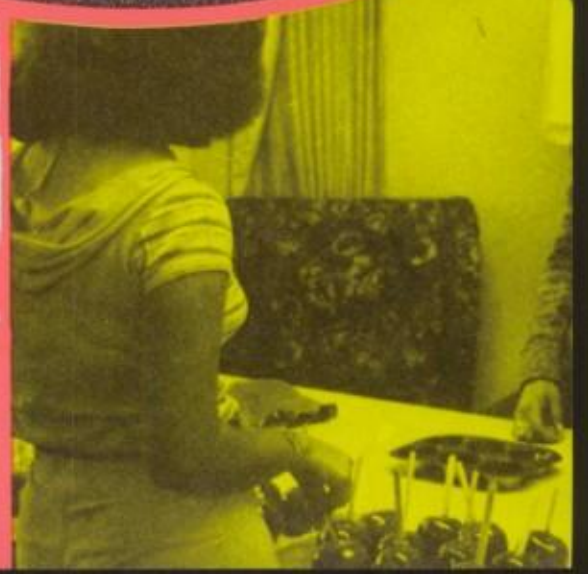


community

unity center plan

86% favor building center

Ballot on outlination-booster question in Modesto, say 81 per cent of the 7,400 people who voted in The Bee ballot. The final results are 1,270 YES for a community center, 250 NO.

Modesto residents submitted 91 per cent of the ballots. Another 5 per cent came from rural Stanislaus County and the rest from other cities in Stanislaus.

The majority of the voters, 37 per cent, favored the Harry Charles site. The Lincoln School site received 32 per cent, the Beard-Hanlon 23 per cent, and the City Hall site, 7 per cent.

Cultural activities for the center were backed by 41 per cent, compared to 36 per cent for community affairs and 23 per cent for sports.

The 14 per cent who opposed the complex said it would cost too much (25 per cent), there are adequate facilities in Modesto now (20 per cent) and they wouldn't use the center (17 per cent.)

would you support?

Use For Cultural Activities	41%
Use For Community Events	36%
Use For Sports Events	23%

Several people who favor building a community center said the Modesto Junior College gym could be used for some community events.

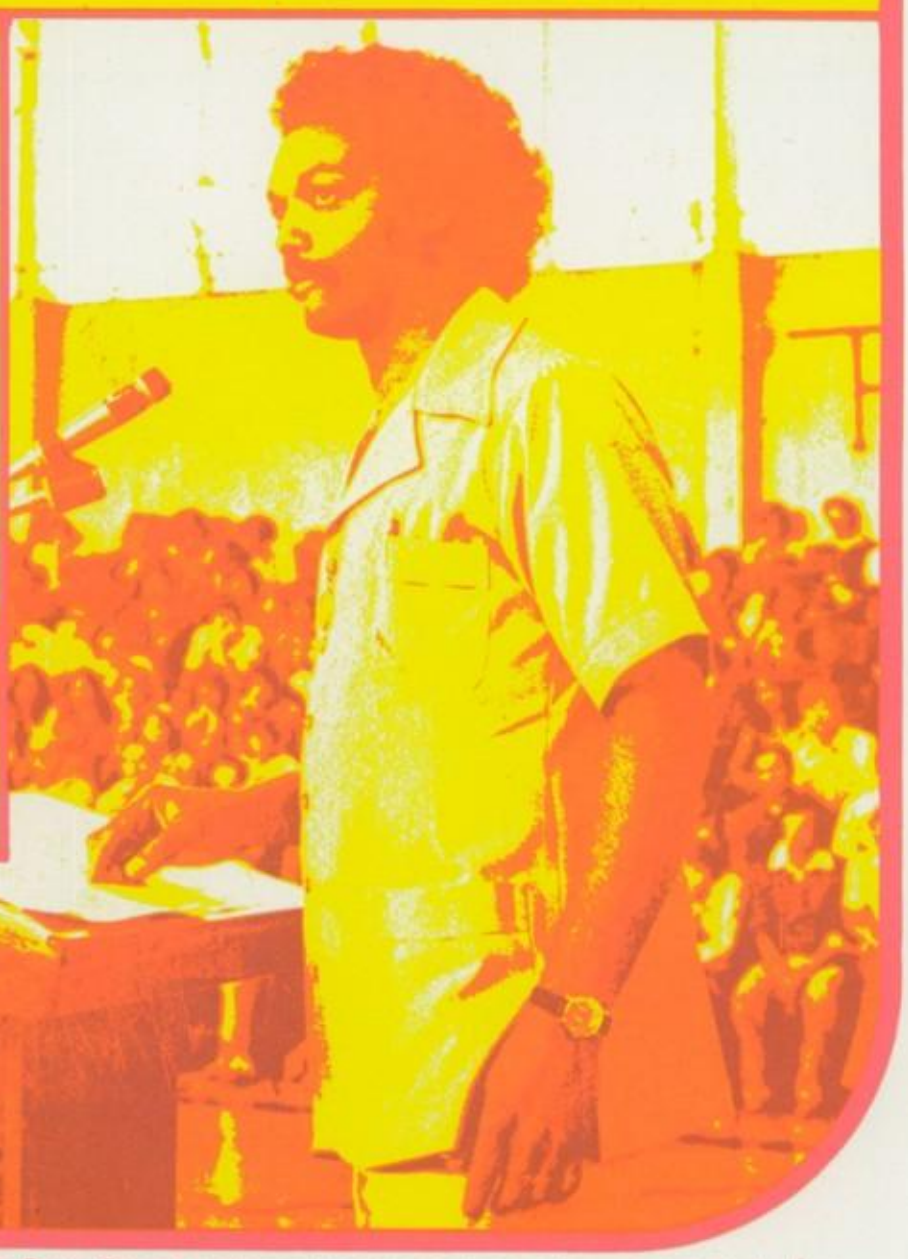
'making the scene'

Long the only high school in town, MHS in recent years has developed a public image as a tough, bad school full of undesirables. Yet Panther students entering the community are of the same high quality as elsewhere in town.

MHS students hold jobs all over town, many in positions of responsibility. More than 50 students and graduates are working at Vintage Faire, with many combining full time school and nearly full-time employment.

The Booster Club serves the school in countless ways, both financially and through public relations. Students raise money for class and club sponsored activities, while the PTA holds monthly meetings and provides active support for the school.

With students unsure of the School Board plans for the MHS future and learning the new regulations instituted with the 'FourthR—Responsibility', they were grateful for the encouragement and challenge given them at an assembly by nationally famous Jesse Jackson, who asserted that the future is up to them.



Upper Left: Doug Ott, who plans to become a pharmacist, started at the bottom and is working his way up at Paradise Rexall Drugs Store.
Circle: Elected community members John Uhl, Harriett Kirschen, Curtis Denham, and Dr. Alan Vincent discuss high school zoning plans at a Board of Education meeting.
Above Circle: An article appearing in the Modesto Bee explains the results of a survey taken to find out the citizens' attitude toward a community center.
Right of Circle: An exausted Tom Payne rings up yet another order during the rush hour at Taco Charley.
Above: Guest speaker Reverend Jesse Jackson, a nationally known leader of human rights, pauses during his speech at an MHS assembly.
Left: Mrs. Charlotte Burtis offers her opinion on the 'Fourth R' at a PTA meeting.
Lower Center Left: Foods class holds a sale of carmel apples to the student body.
Far Lower Left: The always supportive Booster club impatiently awaits the decision of a first down measurement.

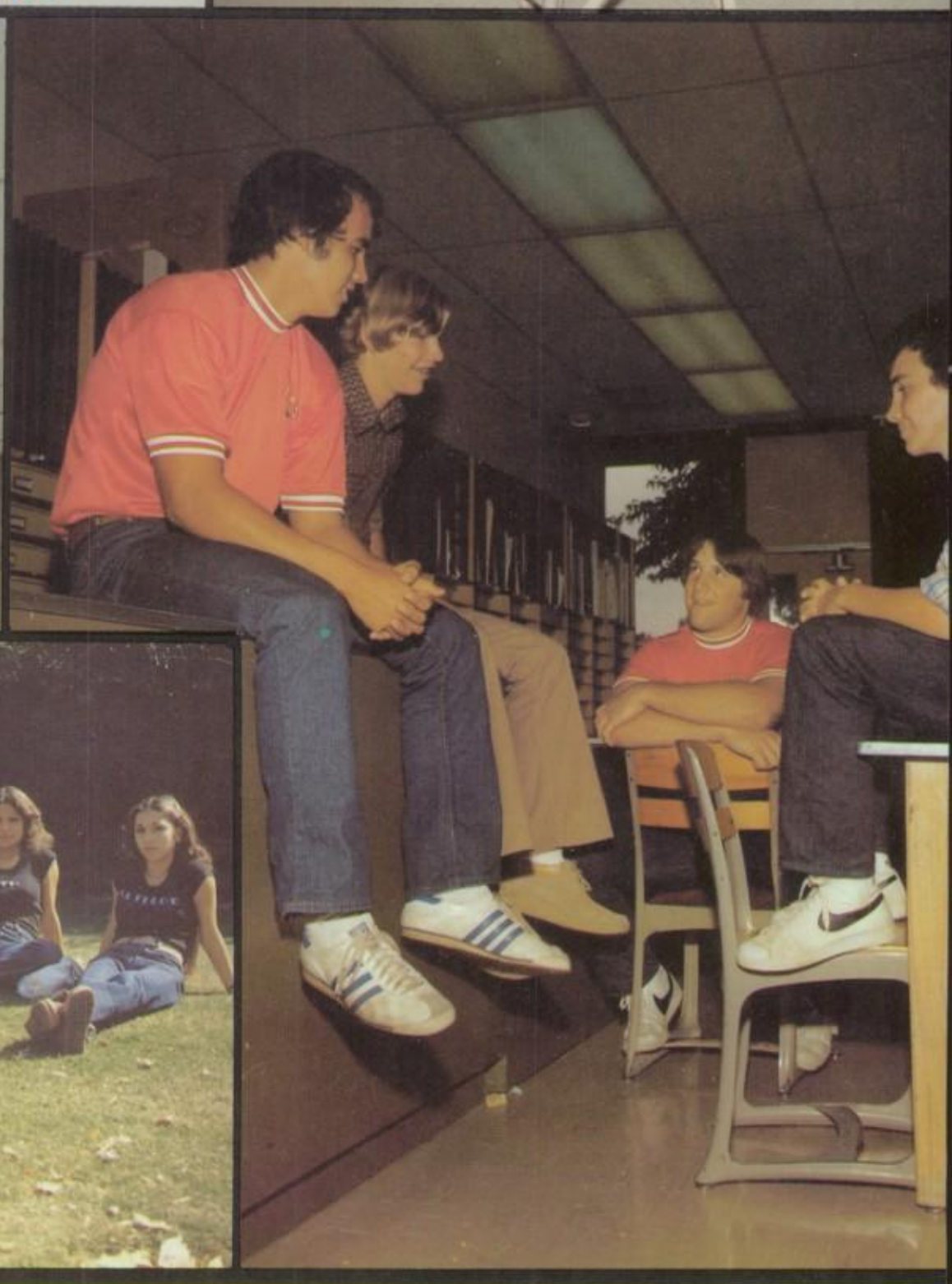
'buddies with things in common'

Panther Life involves a variety of interests, goals, and people. Whether in sports, hobbies, academics, or just plain 'bumming around,' each lifestyle attracts those people whose interests are similar.

Everyone needs security, and something with which to identify. In joining a group of individuals with the same interests, cliques become established. They feel the assurance that they won't be laughed at when expressing themselves.

But cliques aren't necessarily good. Too often people become involved in the activities and attitudes of a group, limiting friendships to members of that group, and assuming a personality heavily influenced by the other members of the 'tight little circle.' Outsiders are shunned and made to feel inferior.

Modesto High School doesn't claim to offer perfect friendships and a model personality attitude. But the MHS atmosphere is one that truly reflects the expression, "We're together!"



Upper Left: While Klifton Anderson and Richard Young discuss the asthetic values of lunch period, a group of friends 'get down' to a neighborly game of dice in the cafeteria at lunch time.
Upper Center: Returning from practice, Cynthia Pate, Carol Johnson and Linda Isoni proudly wear the MHS red band jackets.
Upper Right: A group of outspoken Aggies congregate in front of the Ag building to shoot some early morning bull.
Circle: Mark Johnson, Doug Carlton, and Mike Johnson display the look of dignity with their black top-hats and distinguished tatoos.
Lower Center: Mike Cardoza, Larry Christiansen, Kevin Bizzini, and Billy McHale stir up a bit of intellectual stimuli regarding certain female individuals during the break.
Far Lower Left: Esther Rodriguez, Phylis Martinez, Rachel Rodriguez, Ruth Martinez and Matilda Magana share common threads while relaxing on the front lawn.
Far Center Left: Because of its plain, littered appearance and the fact that it is noticably exposed to the student body, many students feel uncomfortable using the designated smoking areas.

cliques

directions

'which way will we go?'

Four years of high school have provided us with training—for what?

For some students, this is the period of "preparatory school"—implying that subjects necessary for entrance to an institution of higher education will be taught, and that such instruction will help to prepare them for successful college work.

For others, " prep school" provides specific training for a job within that field. Many MHS students enter the work force even before graduation. They find combining school and work experience an ideal solution.

Still others prefer to avoid school as much as possible, and take frequent unexused absences.

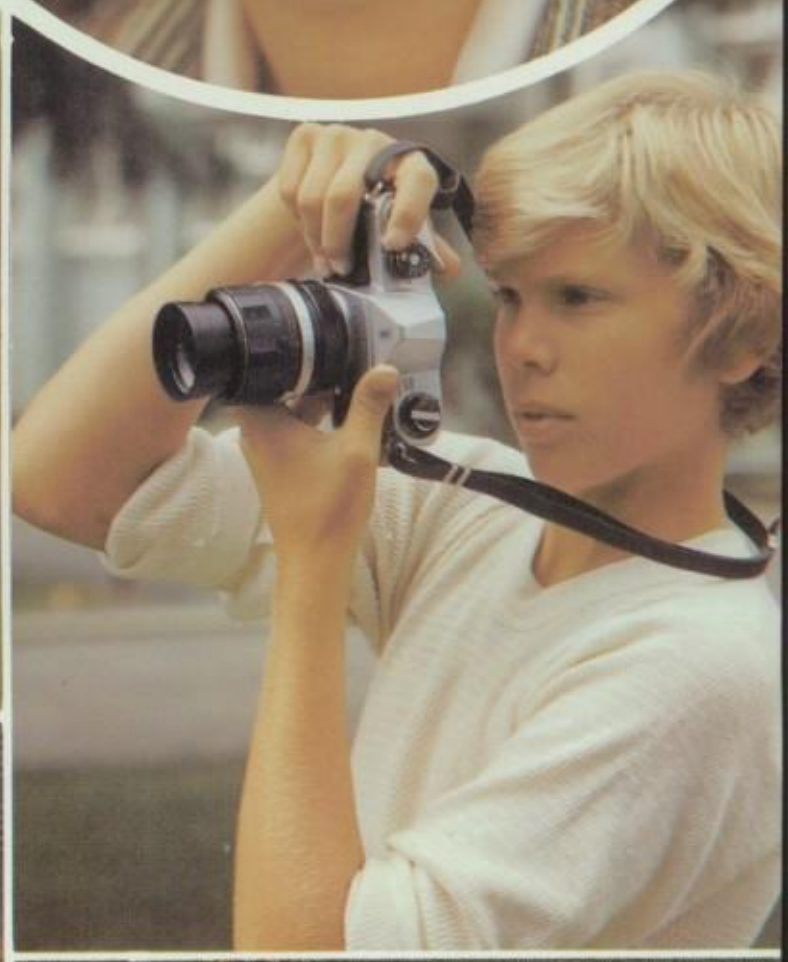
At any rate, high school furnishes a good background in basic knowledge for the typical student, which he can apply in his daily life for years to come. After having matured through four years of high school, MHS graduates feel confident to enter the world as young adults.

Far Upper Left: Board member Marty Ashleigh presents a well-earned diploma to a relieved graduating senior.
Upper Center: Hollie Skinner, highly interested in performing arts, rehearses her part for the Panther Palace Follies.
Circle: Recognized student leaders Sandy Sanchez, Suzanne Porcella, John Laude and Tom Payne listen skeptically to a proposal at an MHS Student Council meeting.
Above: College-bound juniors silently endure the painstaking experience of the PSAT test in the library.
Left: Grades play an important role in determining the directions in which each of our lives will go.
Lower Center: A row of motorcycles presents just one of the many ways MHS students use to 'get there.'
Far Lower Left: Freshman counselor Joe Fabela discusses with David Sullivan what he can expect from his future at MHS.

Every day we see hundreds of people. What makes each one an individual with thoughts and emotions of his own?

Panther faces come in many colors and patterns; they are as varied as the people behind them. Consisting of many different ethnic backgrounds, the Modesto High School staff and student body reflect the US 'melting pot.' While there are many variations of pigment, size, and shape, the features of eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and hair styles, make it easier to identify friends.

More important than the shape or color of these features is what they tell us through an ever-changing array of expressions. Feelings of happiness, curiosity, anger, contentment, fear, joy, and sadness are part of every person's life. Letting others know how we feel through smiles, frowns, and many other slight muscular changes in one's features is a basic form of communication and the easiest kind of understanding.



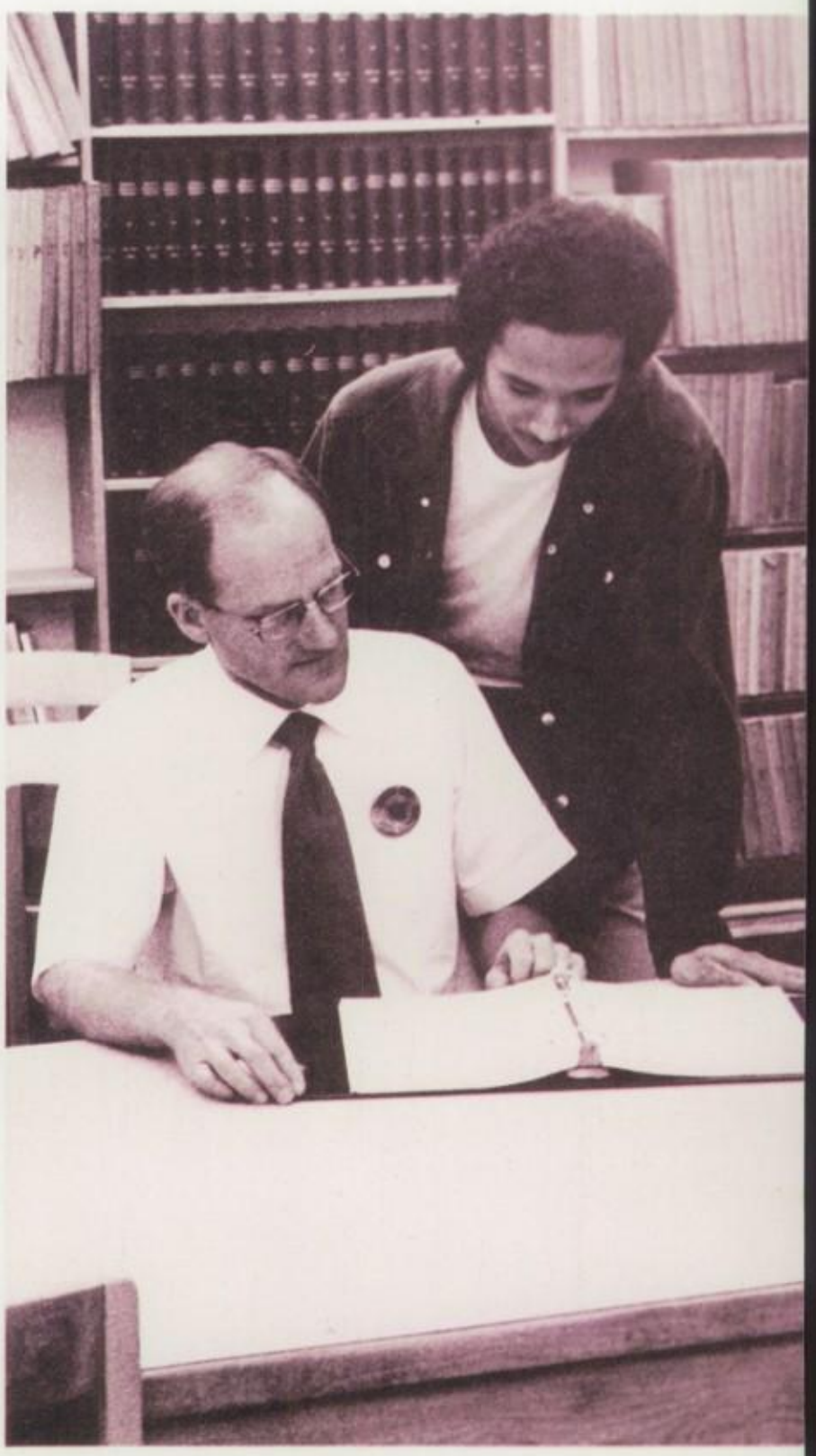
Teachers

Far Upper Left: Mark Ketchum, Freshman Class President, relaxes against a shade tree before going to class.
Circle: Enjoying the breeze, senior Patty Hill smiles warmly.
Below: Joe Morales, Owen Gray and Frank Routen test the pH level in the school swimming .
Lower Right: Dressed in Elizabethan costumes, Masterpieces students attending the Renaissance Faire included: (seated) Linda Vallin, Sandy Sanchez, Paula Morrow, Bill Eaker, Nina Gragg, Jeff Klink, Hollie Skinner, Gloria Catzalco, Irma Gil, Suzanne Fisher; (standing) Raul Ortiz, Edgardo Malolos, Heidi Vigerust, Suzanne Porcella, Mike Merenda, Martha Ketchum; (in the tree) Joe Gregory, Thonas O'Brien, and Steve Potts.
Center: Junior, Marty Usiack, spends free time with photography, his hobby and future profession.
Lower Left: Mrs. Bertha West chats with Mr. Lance Underwood about their new teaching duties.
Center Left: Class of 1980's Toni Taylor flashes her 'close-up' grin to good-looking guys passing by.

Mrs. Harriet Kirschen
Chairman of the Board
MHS grad; Board member since 1963
housewife

Mrs. Marty Ashleigh
Board Member
BA—UCLA; teaching credential—CSU Long Beach
housewife, instructor MJC evening school

Mr. Anthony Bedford
Board Member
BA, MA—CSC, Stanislaus
history instructor, MJC and chairman, Dept. of Behavioral and Social Sciences



Mr. Robert C. Bienvenu
Board Member
BA—UC Berkley; law degree—UOP
attorney

Mr. Richard Patterson
Board Member
BS—U of Nevada, industrial mgmt.
Director EOP, CSC, Stanislaus

Dr. Alan Vincent
Board Member
MHS grad; BS—Brigham Young; DDS—Western Reserve U, Cleveland, Ohio
dentist

Mr. John Uhl
Board Member
BS—Penn State U, chemical engineering,
insurance agent

Dr. Bert C. Corona
Superintendent
MHS grad; AB, MA, D Ed—UC
MCS superintendent since 1966
MHS yearbook editor, 1938

Mr. James C. Enochs
Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum
MHS grad; BA—CSU San Jose; MA—UC; Adm. Cred.—UOP
MCS asst. supt. since 1975

Mr. James W. Sherman
Principal
MA-UOP
new to MHS this year
enjoys work, golf, fishing

Mr. Ronald L. Hill
Assistant Principal, Student Personnel
MA—Loma Linda U, couns. and psych.
member, Phi Delta Kappa
enjoys work, bowling

Mr. Daniel Caton
Assistant Principal, Curriculum
MA-COP
enjoys work, golf, fishing

Administration shifts smoothly

New faces brightened the HS campus as additions and terations prevailed in many the administrative offices.

New principal James Sher- an faced a real challenge in aining the respect and ad- iration students had for the rmer principal. However, he uickly established himself as a miliar and friendly face at llies and athletic events as ell as around the campus. In year of financial difficulties r the District, he nonetheless ained students' confidence nd a feeling of support.

Ron Hill, who only a year go came to MHS as the Dean Attendance, moved to the ot of Assistant Principal in harge of Pupil Personnel. Other changes included a new freshmen counselor, Sheridan King, with Trudy Kamps taking senior responsibilities; Walter Baddell, juniors; and Joe Fabela, sophomores. Dave Laude's absence during the fall brought Karl Finch as Athletic Director and Pete Rocha as Director of Student Activities. Assuming the job of Title I Coordinator was Art Barba.

As any system changes with the addition of new leaders, there were changes in the routine at MHS. From handing out the "MHS—We're together!" buttons to enforcing detention for tardies and truancies to revising the bell schedule to changing the absentee clearance procedure, new leaders exerted change in the Panther way of life.

Opposite Page: Student Curriculum Committee adviser Mr. Dan Caton and Dell Lopez discuss plans for an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Michael Pelucca
Business Manager
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
political science
enjoys fishing, hunting, woodworking

Mr. Art Barba
Title I Coordinator
MA—CSC, Hayward
enjoys woodcraft, tennis, basketball

Mr. Joseph A. Galindo
Dean of Students
MA—CSU, Chico
member, Phi Delta Kappa
enjoys travel, furniture building

Mr. Karl L. Finch
Athletic Director, Fall; Health Ed.
BS—Cal Poly, Pomona
coach, frosh football, basketball
enjoys waterskiing, basketball, church activities

Ms. Trudy Kamps
Senior Counselor
MSW—U of Michigan

Ms. Vivian Hawkins
Title I Counselor
MA—CSU, Fresno
enjoys sewing, swimming, bowling
professional artist

Mr. Walter Baddell
Junior Counselor
MA—UOP
chairman, Stanislaus County Scholarship Committee
enjoys art

Mr. Joseph Fabela
Sophomore Counselor
MA—CSU, Sacramento
co-sponsor MASA

Ms. Sheridan King
Freshman Counselor
MEd—UC Santa Barbara
enjoys riding, sailing, skiing, painting, sculpting, reading

Mrs. Eunice Kreuder
School Nurse
BS—Columbia Union College
president, Stanislaus County School Nurse Organization

Mr. William Lewis
School Psychologist
SM—CSU, San Jose
enjoys sports, Calif. history and landmarks

Mr. Manuel R. Palazuelos
Work Experience Counselor
BA—CSC, Sonoma
treasurer, Northern San Joaquin Valley Chapter, CAWEE

Mrs. Lucinda Predmore
Librarian
MA—U of Arizona
history, education
enjoys flying, reading, knitting

Mr. Pete Rocha
Director of Student Activities, Fall; Campus Supervisor
BS—CSU, Chico
coach, frosh football, frosh baseball
enjoys fishing, softball, radio announcing

Mary Rose Shelton
Title I Nurse
MA—Chapman College
member, Cal. Assn. of Marriage, Family, & Child Counselors

Teachers possess admirable qualities of dedication and leadership

The MHS faculty contains a range of teachers as diverse as the students they teach. Pursuing individual goals and ambitions they nonetheless unite on one common objective: to work with and educate the students of Modesto High School.

During the recent controversy over the future of MHS, it was suggested that the quality of education was not up to par, with the implication that teachers were at fault. However, a close look at the record indicates otherwise. Of the seventy-nine member teaching staff, twenty-seven held one or more master's degrees, and the vast majority of the faculty was also involved in numerous professional and honorary organizations.

At community and school board meetings concerned with the MHS issue, teachers were present to speak up in support of Modesto High. Their dedication to their profession and pride in their school and students have always acted as a binding force to 'bridge the gap' between students and teachers. Going beyond the time spent in the classroom to assist students in preparation for their years after high school, the MHS faculty maintains a casual, friendly attitude which helps to increase communication and develop personal relationships with their students.

Above: At the close of the Merced Rally, faculty and administrators raise their fingers and proudly sing out "All hail to thee," demonstrating by their actions that they feel a loyalty to Modesto High School and its students.

Mr. Paul Abby
Physical Education
MS—Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
coach, soph football, soph basketball

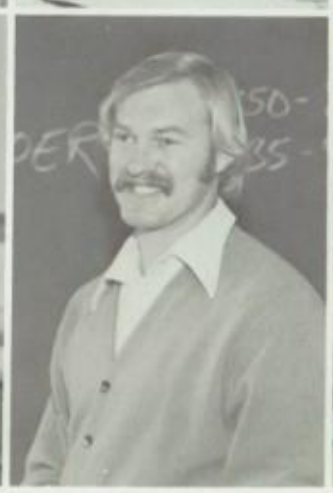
Mr. Pritchard Amstutz
English
BD—Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky
ThM—Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey
enjoys golf, violin

Miss Marilee Abercrombie
Business
BA—CSU, San Jose
sponsor, Business Club
enjoys all sports

Mr. Jim Autry
English
AB—CSU, San Francisco
advisor, Jr. Class, Analecta
coach, girls basketball

Mr. Don Adams
World Geography
MA—Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
head coach, varsity football
sponsor, Block M

Sgt. John Babb
Aeroscience
AA—San Joaquin Delta
enjoys motor sports



Mrs. Mary Baker
English
MA—Washington State
advisor, Sr. Class
enjoys golfing, the arts, bridge

Mr. Martin Boer
Careers, Athletics
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
head coach, varsity baseball; frosh football
enjoys golfing, hi fi

Mrs. Phyllis Boteler
Art
BA—Calif. Col. Arts and Crafts
enjoys drawing and painting

s. Celeste Brown
mbudsperson
ara-professional
Counselor
onsor, Youth Advisory
Board
njoys art

rs. Diane Dinsmore
ath
A—CSC, Stanislaus
ember, Stanislaus Co.
Math Cuoncil
njoys swimming, auto
repair, sewing, cards

Mrs. Aileene Campbell
Chairman, Business
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
member, Phi Beta Kappa
enjoys fishing, camping, sewing

Ms. Chris Eden
Dance
MA—US International U
teaches dance and movement to elementary students

Mr. Tom Chagnon
Resource Specialist
MA—Notre Dame
coach, soph. baseball
former professional baseball player for Houston Astros and Calif. Angels

Mr. Harlan Elving
Wood
MA—CSC, Chico
union carpenter
enjoys yard work, building furniture

Mr. H. L. Clark
Social Science
MA—Uof Tulsa
sponsor, Freshman Class
coach, varsity track
enjoys gardening, reading

Mr. Robert Escobar
Auto Mechanics
BS—CSU, Fresno
member, Mini Club of America
enjoys being with his family

Mr. Bobby Cole
Art, Health Ed, and PE
BA— CSC, Stanislaus
coach, varsity basketball, soph football
enjoys plaing basketball

Mr. Tyron Farley
Resource Specialist
BA—CSU, Chico
sponsor, Chess Club
MTA representative

Mr. Russell Cosgrave
Chairman, Agriculture
MED—UC Davis
sponsor, FFA
teaches ROP Welding

Mr. Jesse Figueroa
soccer
license from Calif. Soccer Assn.
coach, soccer
enjoys swimming, hiking, biking, attending theater

. Richard Finn
oodrcaft
A—Montclair State College, New Jersey
onsor, VICA
joys woodworking and large scale live steam railroading

Mrs. Joan Fisher
Biology and Health Ed
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, Sr. Class
enjoys sewing, reading, swimming

Ms. Sharon Fowler
Title I Specialist, English
BA—UC Berkely
sponsor, Sr. Class

Mr. LeRoy Giovannoni
Chairman, Art and PE
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, School Service Art
enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, scuba diving

Mr. Edward Gonsalves
Math
BS—U of San Francisco
member, CTA State Council, CTA Advisory Panel on Insurance, and MTA Board of Directors

Mr. Manuel C. Gonsalves
Government, American History
BA—UC Berkely
member, Phi Beta Kappa, MTA Board of Directors
sponsor, Chess club
enjoys gardening, reading, traveling

Mr. Rob Gordon
Campus Supervisor
BA—CSC, Sonoma
enjoys backpacking and fishing

Mrs. Diana Holtz
Needlecraft, Home Dec, Math
BA—CSC, Sacramento
sponsor, S Club

Mr. William J. Han
Special Education
BS—J. B. Stetson U

Mr. Loren Horton
History
MA—U of Redlands
enjoys music and cooking

Mrs. Joanne Henry
Physical Education
BS—Bemidja State Col. Minnesota
enjoys gardening and macrame

Mr. Tom Hughes
Resource Specialist, Migrant Education
BA—CSU, Fullerton
member, Am. Assn. Teachers of Spanish and Portugese
enjoys travel

Miss Dolores Killam
Chairman, Physical Education
BA—CSU, Sacramento
sponsor, Ski Club
coach, tennis teams
enjoys woodworking, tennis, skiing

Mr. Mike Kiyoi
Business
BS—CSU, Fresno
coach; football, wrestling, track

Mrs. Martha W. Knight
English
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
member, Delta Kappa Gamma
sponsor, American Indian Club
enjoys writing, gardening, cooking, piano, golf

Mr. Leonard Kaiser
Driver Ed and PE
BA—Nebraska State
head coach, cross country and track

Mr. Jack Koski
Adaptive PE
BA—USC, Fresno

Mrs. Dorothy Kern
Math, Clothing
BS—Oregon State
enjoys fishing and sewing

Mr. Louis Lacoste
Title I Specialist, Math
BA—CSU, Sacramento
'walnut king of Modesto'

Mr. James V. Kenyon
English
MA—U of Oregon
sponsor, Jr. Class
enjoys duplicate bridg

Mr. Marvin Lambert
Special Education
BA—East Central State College, Oklahoma
teaches outdoor class

Mr. Vincent Lane
Title I Specialist, Math
BA—CSU, Sacramento
enjoys golf, jogging

Mrs. Andrea McGhee
Chairman, Foreign Language
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
member, Delta Kappa Gamma
sponsor, American Field Service
enjoys bridge, travel, cooking, sports

Mr. Dave Laude
Athletic Director and Director of Student Activities, Spring
BS—Stetson U, Florida
enjoys sports and working with young people

Mr. John Miller
Social Science and Athletics
MA—
coach, wrestling, soph football,
enjoys camping, travel, fishing

Ms. Carolyn Leathers
Gymnastics, PE
BA—UC Berkeley
coach, girls gymnastics yell/song leaders
enjoys camping, softball, reading

Kate Mundschau
Attendance Counselor
BS—Ohio State U
member, Bd. of Dir. Friends Outside, GOAL
enjoys bridge, horseback riding, sailing, camping, gardening

Ms. Gloria Lopez
Chairman, Home Ec; and ESL
MEd—U of San Francisco
sponsor, Bake Shop

Mr. Loren Nyman
Agriculture
BS—CSU, Fresno
sponsor, FFA

Mr. Marvin Lundquist
World Geography
BA—Western Washington State College
advisor, Freshman Class
enjoys hiking, reading, music, book collecting

Mr. John McCaffery
Business
BS—U of San Francisco
enjoys handball, tennis, racketball, volleyball, hiking and biking

Mr. R. L. Owen
English
BA—MacMurray College
sponsor, NFL
enjoys backpacking, fishing, and home repairs

Mr. Rick Paderes
Orchestra
BM—UOP
member, CODA, CMEA
enjoys fishing, bowling, photography

Mr. L. C. Peterson
Drafting, Wood, Aviation
BS—U of Minnesota
enjoys golf, flying, carpentry

Mr. M. H. Peterson
Special Education
BA—Concordia College

Upper Left: Struggling to maintain sanity, Band Director Gary Runsten and fellow staff 'musicians' pause between numbers during the Gong Show at the fall Downey Rally. Such participation in student activities by faculty members is common and helps to provide a feeling of unity and pride in the school.
Above: Photojournalism instructor James Shuman introduces a new piece of photography equipment, a Mamiya C-330 2¼ x 2¼ camera, to junior photography major Rhett Calkins.

Below: Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Leeanne Ballesteros reveal their hidden talent for roller skating during the Gong Show at the Downey Rally.
Lower Right: American History teacher Mr. Loren Horton describes relations between the American people and Washington, DC during one of his frequently animated lectures which amuse and delight his students.

Mr. Herbert Poddig
Chairman, Physical Education
AB—UC Berkeley
coach, golf team

Mrs. Judy Remmers
French, Intro to Business
BA—Gustavus Adolphus College
sponsor, French Club

Mr. Tony Pruitt
Title I Specialist, English
BA—CSU, San Francisco
enjoys tennis, refinishing furniture

Mr. Clinton Rigaud
English
MA—CSU, San Francisco
member, MTA, CTA, NCTE

Mrs. Barbara Quinn
Title I Specialist, English
BA—UC Davis
sponsor, Sophomore Class

Mr. Willard M. Ripley
Auto Mechanics
BA—CSU, Fresno
District VICA advisor

Dr. David Rancano
ESL Coordinator
LD—U of Havana, Cu
sponsor, MASA
president, Hispanic American Society

Mr. Gary Runsten
Chairman, Music
MM—U of Michigan
sponsor, Pep Band

Mr. John C. Sample
Chairman, Social Science; Am. History
BS—U of Wisconsin
member, Phi Delta Kappa
assistant announcer, football and baseball
enjoys photography
MHS chairman, PTA

Col. Jacob Schales
Aeroscience
BS—Louisiana State
sponsor, AFJROTC
enjoys lapidary, jewelry

Mr. Odell Scott
Chairman, Science
MS—Brigham Young U and Arizona State U
member, LDS (Mormon) Church
sponsor, Science Club

Mr. Vincent Sereno
Chairman, Industrial Ed; Graphic Arts
MA—CSU, Fresno
enjoys photography, fishing

Mr. James Shuman
Photojournalism and Yearbook
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, **Sycamore** and Art Club
enjoys art, gardening, writing poetry

Mrs. Maridale Smith
German
BA—UC Berkeley
sponsor, German Clu

Mr. Tom Smith
Agriculture
BS—CSU, Fresno
sponsor, FFA

Mr. Bob Vanoy
Science
MA—U of Highlands
coach, football, basketball, track
enjoys fishing, camping

Mr. Dilwyn B. Studebaker
Science
MA—CSC, Humbolt
advisor, Sr. Class
MHS chairman, United Way

Mr. Robert L. Welch
Resource Specialist
MA—U of Iowa
member, Phi Delta Kappa

Mrs. Marjorie Stuhlman
Chairman, Math
AB—CSU, San Jose
sponsor, Math Club

Mrs. Bertha West
English, Newspaper
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, Soph. Class, **Broadcast**

Mr. Paul F. Tischer
English, Drama
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
enjoys camping, skiing, traveling
director, Modesto Youth Theatre

Mr. John Whitaker
Government
MA—Columbia U
member, ACLU, Common Cause
announcer for football games

Mr. Kenneth Tisdel
Spanish
BFA—U of Utah
music and Spanish
plays music professionally, entire family are musicians

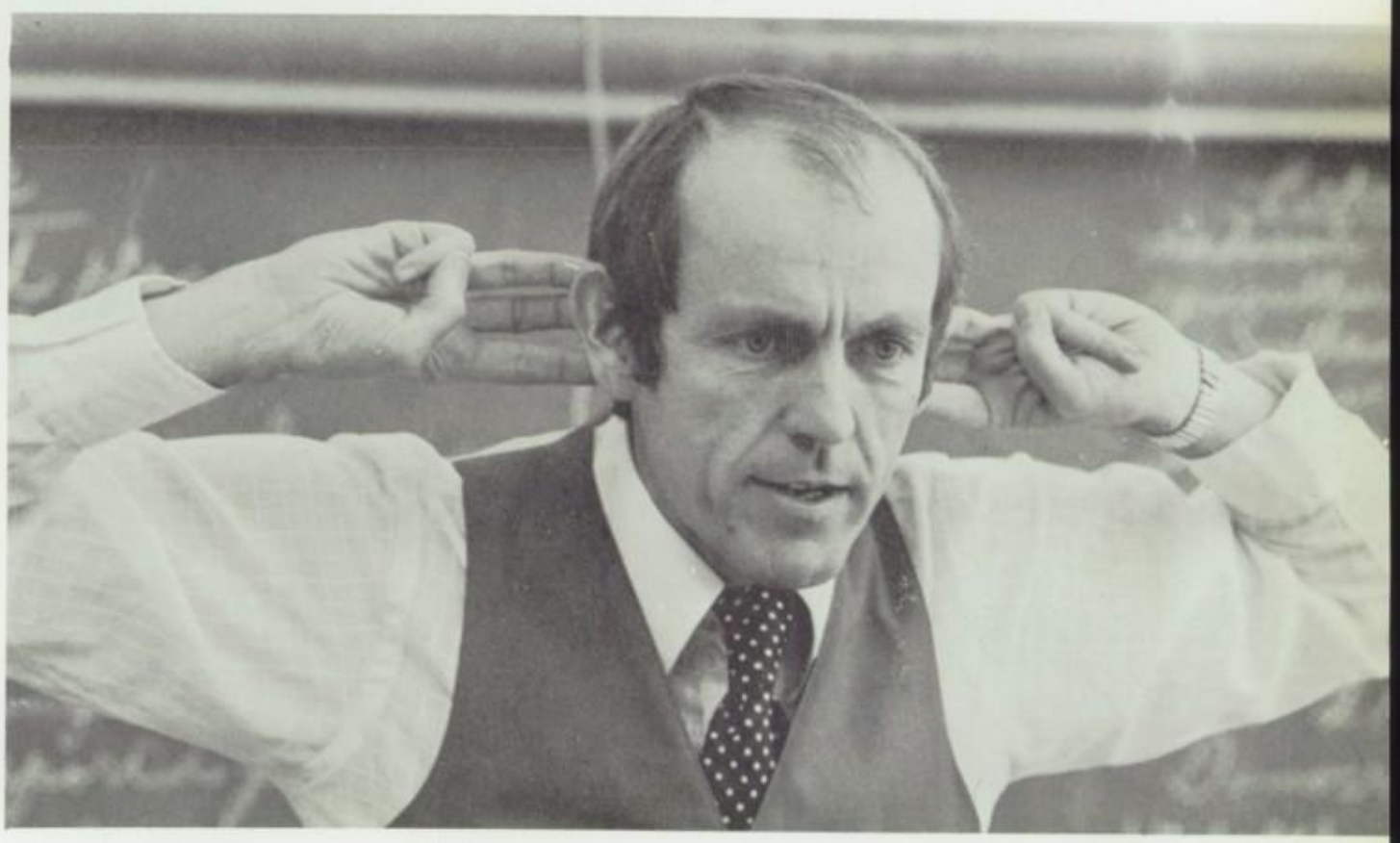
Mr. Kenneth Williams
Chairman, English; and Journalism
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
co-author of 'Voices in Literature'
district resource person for language arts development, K-6

Mr. Lance Underwood
Ensembles, Concert Choir
BS—Asbury College
enjoys tennis, basketball, golf

Mrs. Yvonne Wilson
Physical Education
AB—UC Berkeley
coach, volleyball, softball

Mr. Edison Wong
Electrical Occupations
MS—ISU, Ames, Iowa
member, Phi Delta Kappa

Mr. William Yard
Metal Shop and PE
BA—CSC, Chico
coach, boys gymnastics
enjoys photography, kayaking



Service Staff keeps school operating

Keeping non-instructional aspects of school routine running smoothly was the essential responsibility of the service staff.

Even with the 15-minute nutrition break and only one 40-minute lunch period, the cafeteria crew provided hot meals and delicious snacks. Serving 600 people a day, the staff of 14 arrived at 4:00 am to prepare fresh cinnamon rolls and cookies for the early-morning snacks.

Friendly smiles and cheerful hellos helped students realize custodians were not only keeping MHS beautiful, but were willing to extend a helping hand, from opening a balky locker to setting up PA equipment at a rally.

Clerical staff meant more than typing and filing—it encompassed positions from principal's secretary to registrar to bookkeeper to clerks in many offices and a large number of instructional aids.

Collecting and maintaining current records on all students and seeing that equipment, facilities, and nutritional needs were met, these non-teaching people made up a very important part of MHS activities and often provided the first image of our school seen by visitors.

Velma Alderson
Title I Aide

Cindy Bates
Title I Aide

Betty Armstrong
English Departmen Secretary

Hazel Bates
Title I Aide

Marie Azparren
Special Education Aide

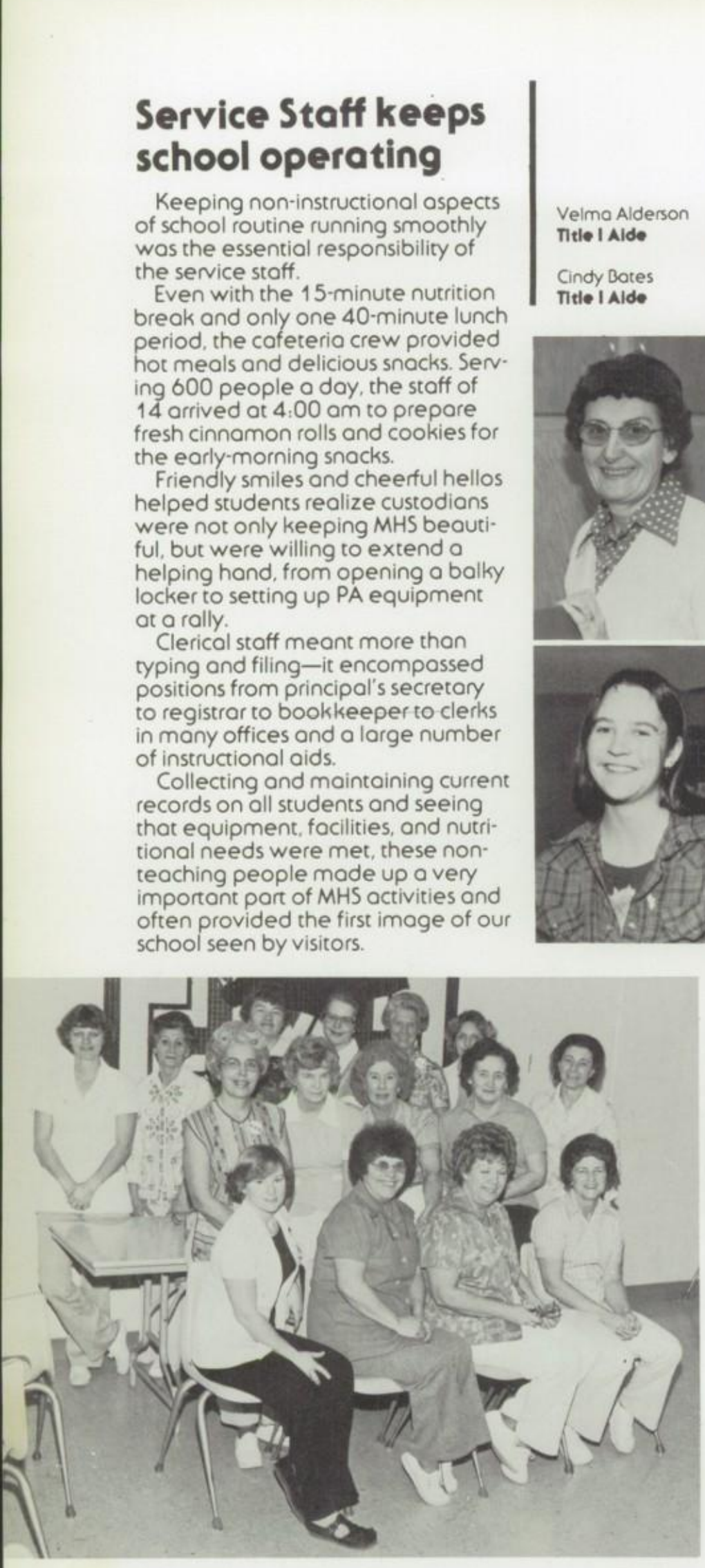
John Blackman
Special Education Aide

Leanne Ballesteros
Campus Supervisor

Eddie Bolden
Title I Community Aide

Margaret Barbo
Title I Aide

Marcia Bonnel
Attendance Cle



Above, Cafeteria Staff, Front Row: Jeanne Bayette, Mary Carpenter, Donna Hathcock, Pat Hildreth. **Second Row:** Alyce Souza, Kitty Corda, Elsie Silveria, Lena Walker, Jeane Lewis. **Back Row:** Rachel Jobe, Lucille Thompson, MaryAnn Duray, Esther Grassman, Helen Calabrese, Sandy Orique.

Mary Cabral
Migrant Education Aide

Theresa Fechner
Attendance Clerk

Irene Carranza
Title I Aide

Sharon Fujii
Bookroom Clerk

Sandy Chambers
Work Experience Clerk

Clara Hansen
Title I Clerk

Polly Cowings
Title I Aide

Elaine Hoover
Bookkeeper

ntoinette Jackson
ecial Education Aide

vira Lopez
igrant Education Aide

Alene Lander
Attendance Clerk

Raymundo Pasadas
Migrant Education Aide

Sally Lawson
Title I Aide

Marcy Matson
Principal's Secretary

Below, Custodial Staff, Front Row: Jewell DeJong, Ruth McNatt, Frank Rowton. **Second Row:** Andy Yriquez, Joe Morales, Alonzo Brown, Joe Flores. **Third Row:** Clyde Roden, Jesse Northrup, Roy Flint, Owen Gray, Bill Poulos, Nathan Fletcher. **Back Row:** Paul Van Houten, Charles Osborne, Gary Renfro, Bill Thomas, James Gordon.

Gloria McCoy
Counseling Office Secretary

Lucille Paul
Records Clerk

Debra McGee
Special Education Aide

Loretta Redlew
Migrant Education Aide

Darleen Meiselman
Computer Clerk

Nemorio Ruiz
Title I Aide

Josephine Merchant
Library Clerk

Ursula Spafford
Title I Aide

Vickie Meverden
Title I Aide

Lynette Strachanowski
Attendance Clerk

Teresa Oliveira
Title I Aide

Beve Streeter
Career Center Assistant

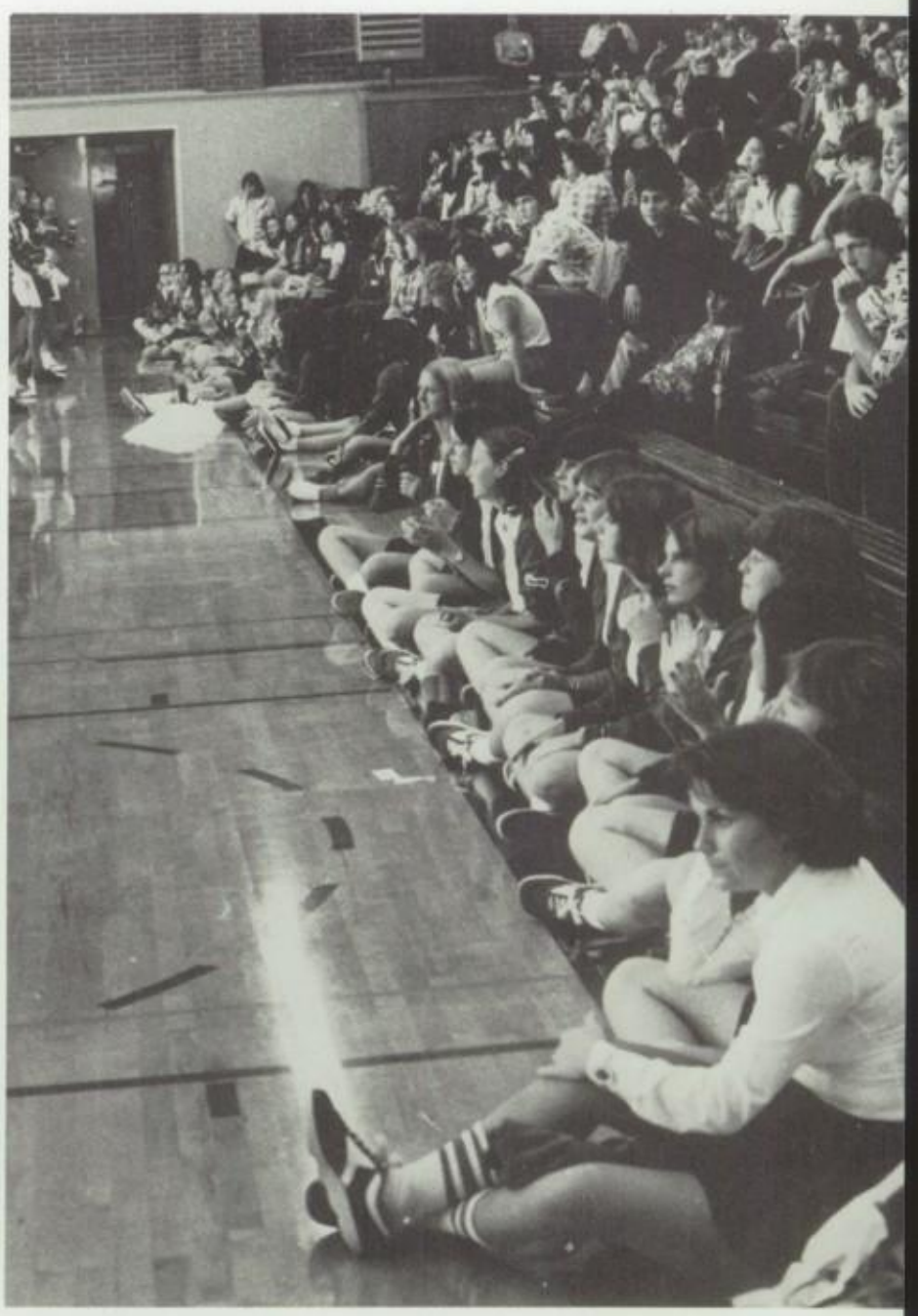
Kathy Overgaard
School Receptionist

Karen Van Sandt
School Secretary

Class presidents are leaders; seniors 'pay the price', look ahead

1978 marked the end of the long climb to the top. The Class of '78 completed its final chapter of Panther Life in which the insights of 'What It's All About' were revealed.

Being at the top meant most of the student leadership positions were held by seniors. Exercising authority and speaking out for other students fell to senior class officers as well. Fall class president Clifford Ball proved his power in the debate over where seniors would go for the traditional 'ditch-day' trip. Although Dean Galindo and other faculty members urged selection of Mariott's Great America, pointing to the shorter ride and a less crowded amusement park, Clifford articulated the views of the



Upper Left: With a face full of cream, Clarence Abid wins the pie-eating contest for the senior class.
Upper Center: Suzanne Porcella displays her Crazy Day antics with a vegetable garden costume.
Upper Right: Dedicated Rally girls clap to the beat of the pep-band during one of the rallies.
Right: Clifford Ball takes a moment out from his busy schedule to take on a substitute teacher's job for Mr. Scott.
Above, Fall Class Officers, Front Row: Clifford Ball, president; Mike Merenda, representative. **Back Row:** Connie Jimenez, secretary; Gloria Catzalco, treasurer; Linda Nevitt, vice president.

senior class in favor of the traditional Disneyland trip, and won the decision.

Facing an empty treasury to begin their final year, seniors realized the necessity of raising funds for a memorial contribution to the school in addition to financing the Disneyland trip. Spring class president Mike Merenda pushed students to hold two car washes and sell placemat ads for the Senior Dinner. Proceeds from the dinner itself also helped to bring funds up to par.

Spring semester was a turning point for many seniors. With over 20 of their classmates graduating mid-term and others arranging concurrent schedules with classes at Modesto Junior College or full-time jobs with work experience credit, seniors began thinking of the world beyond high school and the place they would fill in it. Distracted from the undergraduate routine of high school involvement, seniors were faced with many costs peculiar to their final year. They paid the price for portraits, announcements, cap and gowns, college aptitude tests, college applications, and even a final copy of the **Sycamore** to preserve memories of their last chapter of Panther Life.

Upper Left: Senior class advisors, Front Row: Mr. Rodney Owen, Mr. Dilwyn Studebaker. **Back Row:** Mrs. Sharon Fowler, Mrs. Joan Fisher, Mrs. Mary Baker.
Above: Rhonda Rally Girl, otherwise known as Philip Johnson, feels to see if everything's still in place.
Left, Spring Class Officers, Front Row: Brenda Wheat, secretary; Mary Ann Henriques, vice-president. **Back Row:** Don Howell, representative; Susan Alonzo, treasurer; Mike Merenda, president.
Center: Fall officers and advisors Mrs. Baker, Clifford Ball, Gloria Catzalco, Mr. Studebaker and Linda Nevitt discuss plans for Senior Grad Night at Disneyland.

Fourteen grads score highest marks in class; tests administered

Scholastic excellence is a goal which many strive for, yet only a few accomplish. The fourteen students on these pages have demonstrated their abilities by maintaining the highest grade point averages in their graduating class.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test was a challenging experience for those MHS seniors who chose to endure its four hours of multiple-choice questions. Since many colleges require SAT results as part of the admission papers for each applicant, the test was an unwelcome necessity for Modesto High's college-bound seniors. Some even took the grueling achievement test.

The test was administered on six Saturdays throughout the year. Applications to take the test had to be mailed off well in advance of the test date. Questions tested students in their verbal reasoning and mathematics skills. After a long, anxious wait, the results of the test arrived, sometimes with good news, sometimes without. For some MHS students, the scores were of high enough rank to aid them in their search for scholarships, grants, and other financial assistance.

Linda Nevitt
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Linda Vallin
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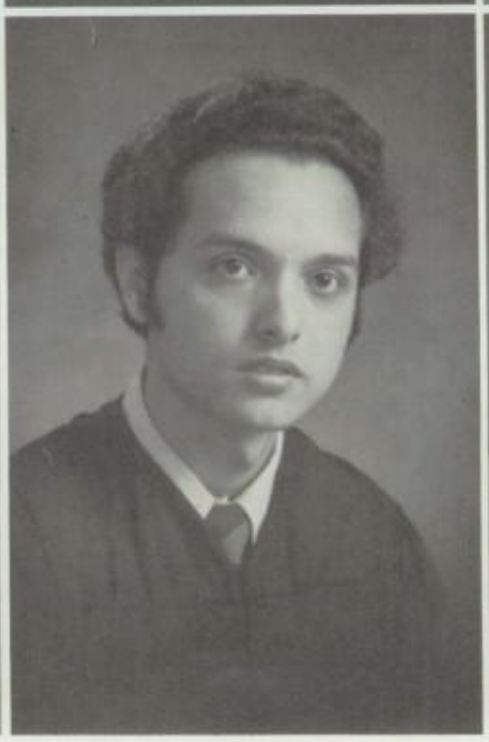

Gloria Catzalco
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Suzanne Fisher
3.891

Jeff Klink
3.925

Bill Eaker
3.878

Charlene Palmer
3.925

Karen Maxfield
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Above: Masterpieces student Pam Hathaway works on her theme dealing with the Shakespearean play "Macbeth."

Maxine Wong
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Suzanne Porcella
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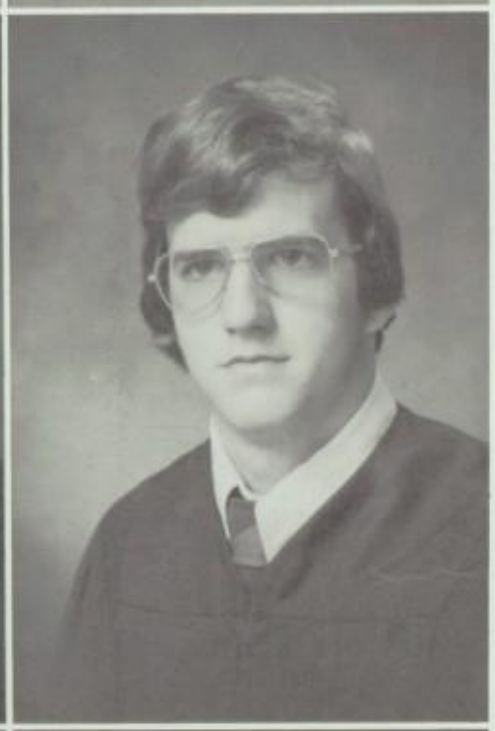

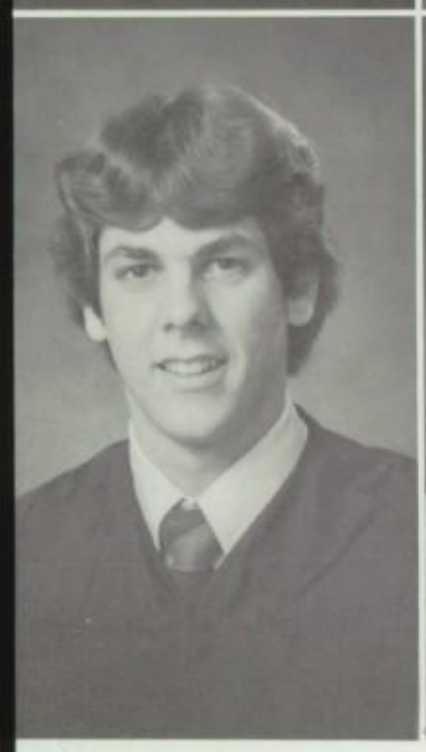

Clifford Ball
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Derrick Willburn
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Steven Hampton
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Pamela Hathaway
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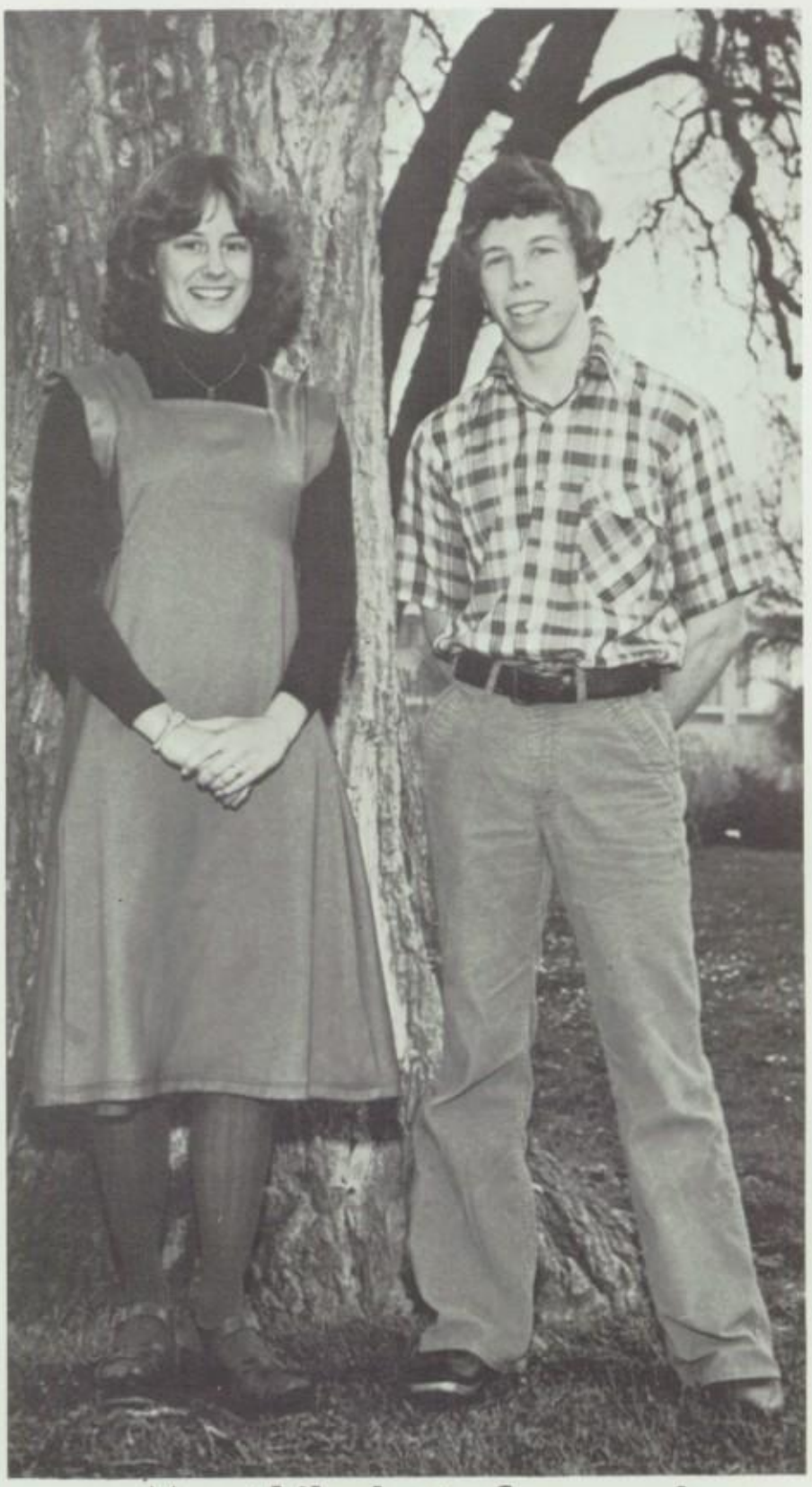


Most Likely to Succeed

Suzanne Porcella
Jeff Klink

The key to success lies in a combination of ingredients; the ability to relate learned skills and the dreams and talents to penetrate the obstacles of everyday life are the heart of the formula.

While enrolling in an academic program heavy with such courses as foreign language, chemistry, physics, advanced algebra, functions, and masterpieces, many of MHS' 'brightest' found time to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Taking on the added responsibility of speech, spirit, journalism, vocal music, club leadership, athletics, or student government—in some cases several of these at once—these students set the example for others to emulate in that one can enjoy oneself and be active while still achieving good grades.

Students who have proven themselves successful in coping with responsibility while achieving academic excellence are thus logical recipients of their classmates' praise as most likely to succeed.

"Class of '78 freshmen brought wide-ranging interests and expectations to MHS."

Graduation seemed almost a fantasy to members of the Class of '78 when they entered Modesto High School as freshmen in September, 1974; it remained a distant four years and 210 credits away.

For some, the courses, procedure, and system remained similar to those they had experienced in junior high, but for others, high school was a complete change. Coming primarily from Mark Twain, Hart-Ransom, Shiloh, and Paradise, whose students experienced varied programs, the freshman class brought wide-ranging interests and expectations to MHS. Many students had to adjust to going to separate rooms with different teachers for each class. Some students had to adapt to the idea of dressing out and showering in PE. Some were elated by the incredible facilities and wide range of subjects offered. Others were reluctant to enroll in challenging classes or even required courses.

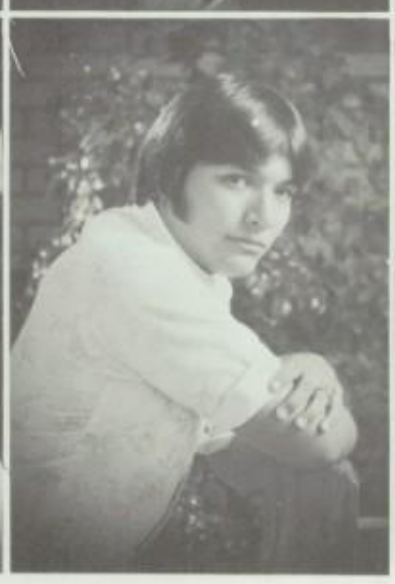
Nevertheless, required courses were unavoidable. World Geography, English, and PE were mandatory. Science and Math, required for graduation, were also taken by most freshmen. From these classes the pace was set for the work and play of high school study.

In 1975, the life-long dream of obtaining a driver license was virtually within the grasp of each sophomore as Driver Ed and Driver Training, along with Career Planing, were offered as 'Sophomore Goals.' Health Ed was also included in

Right: Andy Edwards cleans the heads of his Mickey Chevy while in an automotive class.
Far Center Right: During a yearbook session, Jeff Klink reminds copy writers that the due dates draw near.
Lower Right: Ronnie Wilson stops exposure on his pinhole camera in a beginning photography class.

Tami Abel
Malena Amezcua

Clarence Abid
Susan Alonzo



John Aguero
Mike Alvarado

Pam Aguirre
Pascual Alvarado

David Alfaro
Linda Ames

Klifton Anderson
Francis Artino

Billy Applegate
Clifford Ball

Rosemarie Arellano
William Barnes

Robin Barnhill
Natalie Bates

Janie Barrerra
Greg Bauer

Vicky Bauer

Betty Beasley

Brenda Bell

Candi Bellew
Alan Bertozzi

Lisa Bentley
Mary Bilich

Above: Elizabeth Zellman and Diane Wheeler watch closely during the FFA log-sawing contest.

"Senioritis affected a large portion of the class."

the sophomore program to satisfy graduation requirements.

American History promoted the 'Spirit of 76' for the Class of '78 in the junior year. PE and English were required for the third straight year, and many competetive students chose varsity sports and drama, speech, or journalism, as desirable substitutes. Elective courses were the norm as students planned programs to meet their own needs and desires, ranging from art, agriculture, and industrial ed through business, home ec, and music, to aeroscience and foreign language.

'Senioritis' infected a large portion of the senior class as students withdrew from participation in the 'same old thing.' For many of them, Government was the only remaining class required for graduation, as even PE became optional after passing six semesters. The cohesiveness of the past

Kelly Bizzini
Catherine Boege

Kevin Bizzini
John Borges

Matthew Bradford
Carol Ann Brown

Most Spirited
Martha Ketchum
Russell Miller

Reflecting a feeling of enthusiasm for and involvement in the activities of the school, spirited students played a major part in building morale and generating excitement on the part of the student body.

Participating in special days and skits at the rallies, leading the way to make General Rally coed for the first time, cheering at athletic contests, taking tickets, selling concessions, keeping score, and in general helping at sports events, such students became well-known for their unceasing willingness to give of their time and energy to the school.

With cheerful, friendly personalities and unfailing enthusiasm, spirited students cheered their classmates in all their activities, helping to plan new events and supporting others, inspiring others by their example. Dedicated to improving morale, such students fittingly deserved the praise of their classmates as the most spirited.

Charles Brown
Debbie Buck

Randy Burtis

Sharon Butler

Richard Byrd

Evan Campbell

Jeanie Campbell
Mike Cardoza

Susan Campbell
Tim Cardoza

Linda Cardenas
Julie Carlisle

Above: Dwayne Cummings, Mike Johnson, Clifford Ball, Lanny Nelson, Clarence Abid and Bob Sherburn ham it up on senior band night.
Center: Hollie Skinner proudly exhibits her football form on the way to class.
Right: Clarence Abid picks up on Kathy Kunkel despite her refusal.

Doug Carlton
Gloria Catzalco

Stella Carreon
Joseph Chance

Bob Chandler
Steve Copobianco

Angie Choat

Larry Christiansen

Lewis Clark

Ronda Crum

three years began breaking up as students looked to a variety of future options and became increasingly apathetic toward campus activities.

June 16, 1978, and the fantasy was over: it had become a reality; four years of endurance and persistence paid off at graduation, full of pomp and ceremony, nostalgia for memories left behind, but ambition for the future.

"As freshmen they were apprehensive but nonetheless curious."

While some students had older brothers or sisters who had attended MHS, many arrived completely unfamiliar with routines at Modesto High School. The entering Class of '78 was warned beforehand about the hazards at MHS. One of the most severe warnings proclaimed by upperclassmen was to beware of ever stepping on Percy the Panther embedded in the floor just inside the front entry to the main hall. Thus as freshmen they were slightly apprehensive but nonetheless curious as they sought answers to the question, "Panther Life: What's it all about?"

As the year progressed, so did understanding, as freshmen adapted to the strange new environment of high school life. Establishing the slogan '78 is Great' to describe

Lynora Corgiat
Keith Criswell
Dwayne Cummings

Best Build
Pam Aguirre
Donnie Wilson

A major concern of teenagers today is the adequacy of their own builds. Developing and preserving an ideal physique continues throughout high school.

'Keeping in shape' became a full-time objective for some, as boys enrolled in weight training, football, gymnastics, and wrestling in hopes of building a hard muscular physique. Girls sought the ideal body structure through tennis, gymnastics, slimnastics, and routine exercises.

Healthy, good-looking bodies are not easily achieved by many, as the skinny and overweight find out. Yet today's students still admire 'the right curves in the right places,' so that physical fitness actually paid off for those seniors recognized as having the best build.

Terri Davis
Manuela Dias

Terry Davis
Kim Dunnihoo

Alan Dezzani
Bill Eaker

Curtis Denham
Andy Edwards

Karen Dial
Joe Ehrler

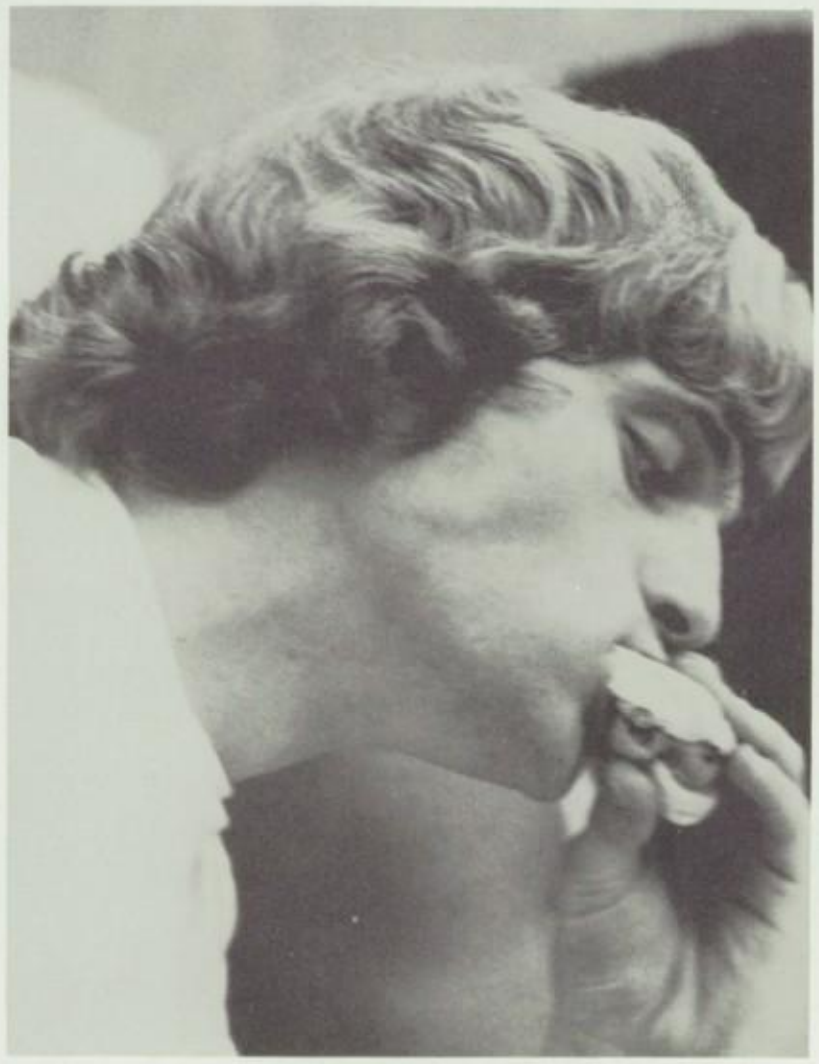
Gary Fernandes
Joe Galhandro

Beatrice Fernandez

Juan Fernandez

Suzanne Fisher

Jennifer Fuller



Above: Connie Jimenez shows a great quality in staying within the lines as she knows how important it is to make an eye-catching poster for the corridors.
Left: Concentration is the key, especially while in competition, as Doug Ott displays during the Hound Dog hot dog eating contest.

Mary Galhandro
Maria Gazcon

their class, they proved it true by earning $100 at their first bake sale.

The class soon learned of the emphasis placed on spirit at MHS, and mustered up enthusiasm worthy of respect from upperclassmen. Involvement became the key to winning popularity and understanding. In the spring, the student council sponsored a tug-of-war between the classes. Decked out in gym shorts and ragged T-shirts, many freshmen eagerly defended the honor of their class, but were gradually dragged through an ocean of mud by a merciless sophomore class.

Breaking the ice was difficult for the entering class of '78, but maintaining dignity and respect from upperclassmen was even harder as the three upper grades frequently ridiculed them as insignificant freshmen.

"As sophomores they had more spirit and ambition than any other class at MHS."

Having endured the initiation period of their freshman year, members of the Class of '78 were eager to move on to bigger and better things. Being a sophomore meant many things: familiarity with the school and teachers; improved popularity with each other; playing football, basketball, and baseball the same day as the varsity; girls to be elected queen; and most important, there were now younger students to be looked down on.

As sophomores, more students became involved in school activities. In the school year 1975-1976, the Class of '78 had more spirit and ambition than any other class at MHS, winning the Pep-O-Meter time after time. They

held bake sales, car washes, and other fund-raising activities in order to sponsor the traditional sophomore dance, "April Love." They made a practical change by moving the date to Valentine's Day and calling it the "Hearts and Lace" dance; previously it had occured too near to the prom.

"A driver license was virtually within the grasp of each sophomore."

The biggest surprise in 1976 was the early February snow storm which excited everyone, with students and teachers alike spending three or four hours during class time to indulge in snowball fights and general fun more common to winter in the mountains.

Through the 'sophomore goals' courses, members of the Class of '78 began thinking of possible future plans in addition to learning basic driving skills and regulations. Throughout the year sophomores proudly reached the magic age of 16, acquiring a driver license which conferred the right to join Friday's 'cruising scene' on McHenry, (Modesto was the inspirational site of "American Graffiti") and thus climbing another ring up the high school status ladder.

Nancy Gay
David Gisler

Isabel Genel
Irene Gomez

Irma Gil
Diana Goncalves

Margaret Gonsalves
Nina Gragg

Danny Graves
Mike Groves

Joe Gregory
Kathy Gwerder

Below: Billy Applegate becomes bored as Ronnie Wilson, David Victorino, Mathew Bradford, and John Aguerro discuss the days' events after school.
Lower Left: In the course of his work as an aide in the Student Body Office, Bob Chandler blows bubbles for relaxation and hugs his teddy for love.
Far Lower Left: During the break, Margaret Gonsalves, Mary Galhandro, and Manuela Dias reminisce about their crazy experiences over the past four years.

Craig Haggard
Karen Hedgecock

Steve Hampton
MaryAnn Henriques

Pamela Hathaway
Patty Hill

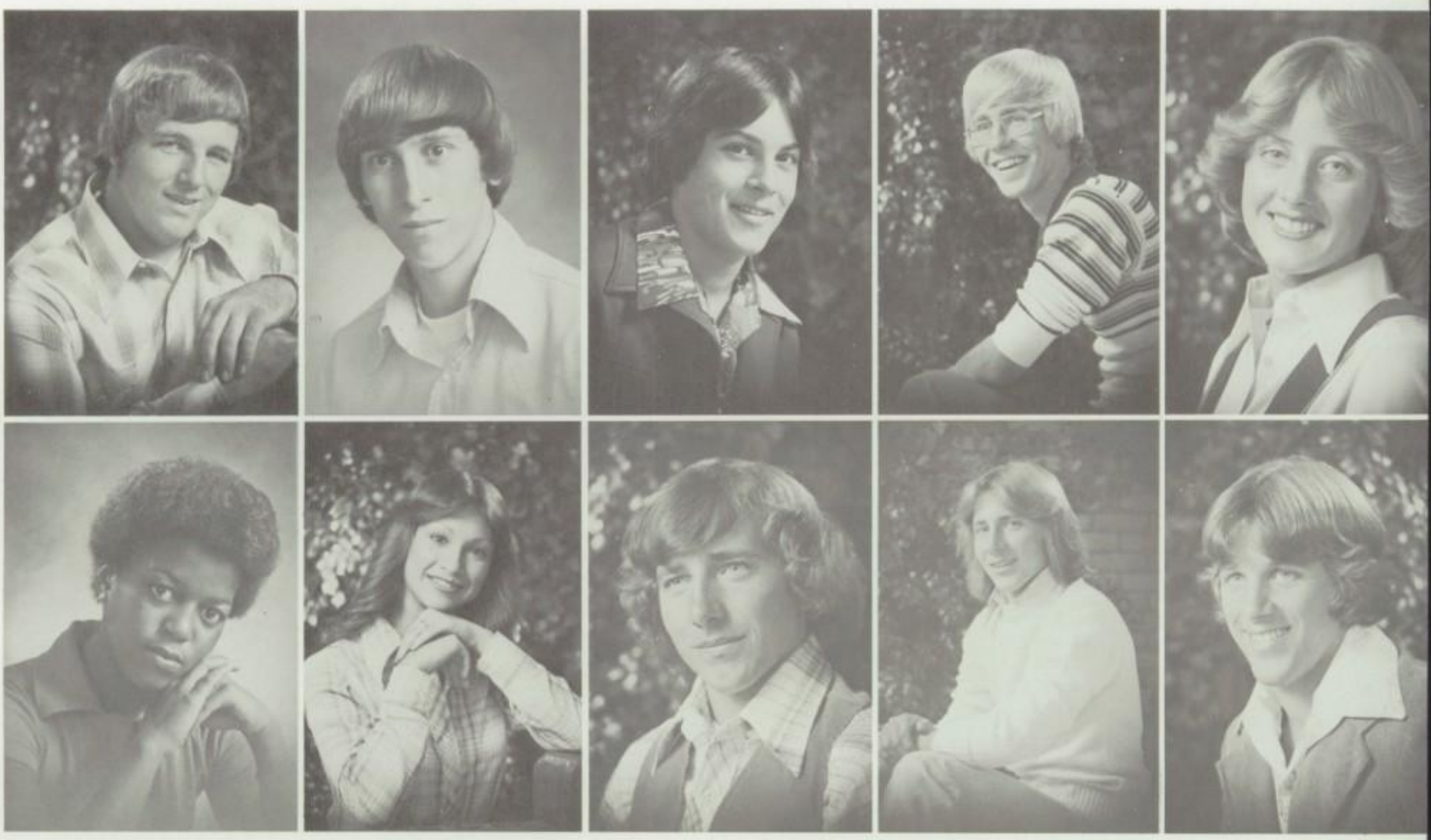
Mike Hodge
Felicia Jenkins

Robert Hoover
Connie Jimenez

Robert Horton
Mark Johnson

Don Howell
Mike Johnson

Cathy Hyer
Philip Johnson



"As juniors they began plans for the prom, 'Photographs and Memories'."

Beginning their junior year 300 strong and with $400 in their treasury, members of the Class of '78 started their third year well-balanced and ready to move ahead.

Holding an after-game dance early in the fall, the juniors continued fund-raising throughout the whole year, with many well-organized bake sales, See's Suckers, and candy cane sales. From their very first profit of $75, the money-raising events continued until in April they reached their goal of almost $1,000.

January brought plans for the traditional junior-senior prom, with long discussions centering around the place, date, and band, and later involving the theme, decorations, chaperones, and who would be on what committee.

By March they had chosen the Holiday Inn as the location,

Above: Seniors Mike Alvarado, Clarence Abid, Hollie Skinner and Candi Bellew keep up with tradition as they sign the main hall closet.

Juanita Keep
Martha Ketchum

Tamara Kennedy
Ralph Ketrone

Daniel Killingsworth
John Laude

Jeff Klink
Joe Layton

Best Looking
Connie Jimenez
Alan Bertozzi

Wherever they went they were noticed and admired. Possessing good looks and standing out in a crowd were characteristics of beauty which attracted others to those who were endowed with the natural qualities of handsomeness. Making frequent changes in hair styles, choosing new, attractive clothes, and fussing over everything to be sure of a well-groomed, handsome appearance, most seniors vainly imagined themselves to be of movie-star quality.

Features they found most necessary for beauty were clear, sparkling eyes, smooth, well-groomed hair, and a friendly smile. Accenting these qualities through a variety of grooming rituals, including frequent hair-combing and -brushing exercises, students attempted to make the most effective impressions possible on their peers.

Beyond the physical element, true beauty is an inner quality reflected through personality and spirit. Matching cheerful friendliness with natural good looks was an unbeatable combination for seniors chosen by their classmates as best looking.

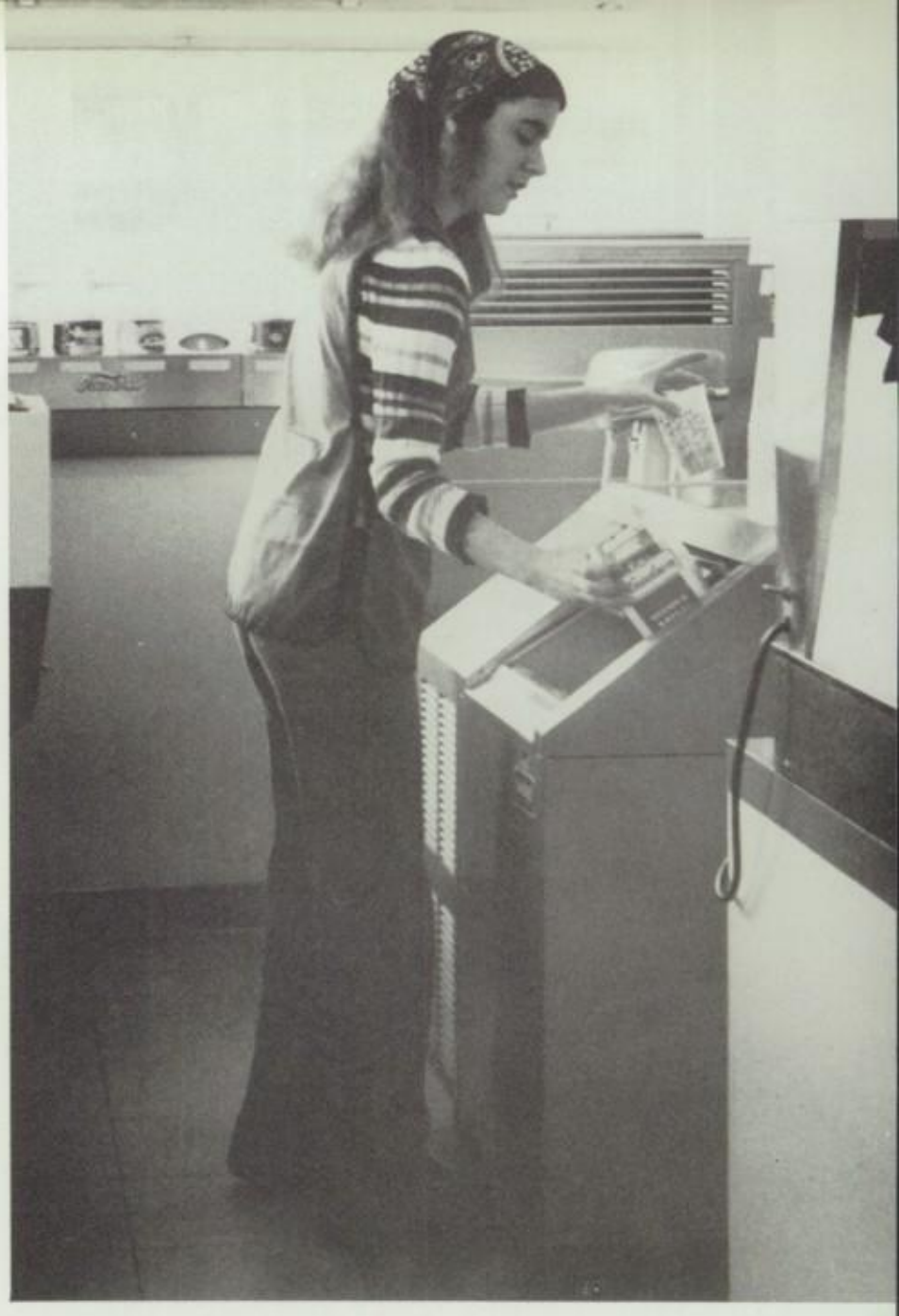
with 'Photographs and Memories' as the theme and Stardust, provided by Kaleidoscope, as the band. After hours of decorating with old fashioned portraits and flower arrangements, banners and signs, the evening arrived, but the band did not. Much to the embarrassment and dismay of those in charge, a substitute band called 'Glad' arrived to play. Despite the disappointment, the music was good and many who attended proclaimed the prom an outstanding success.

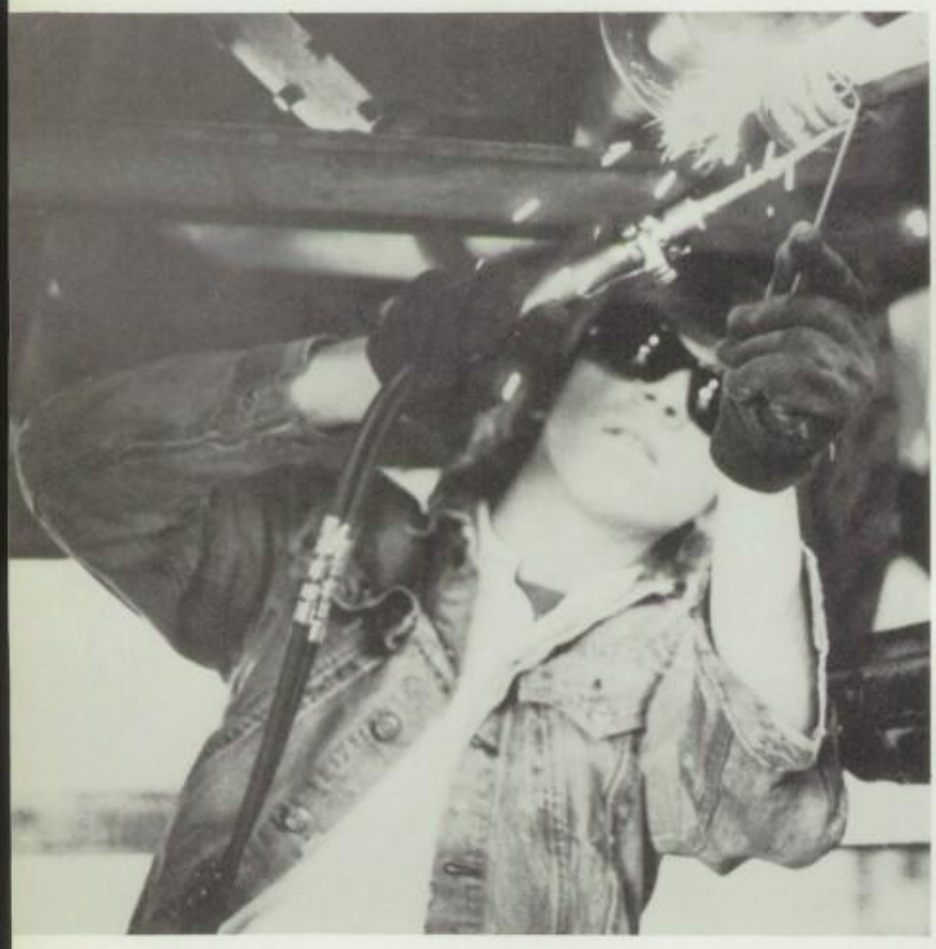
When June rolled around the juniors were already looking eagerly—yet uncertainly—at the seniors who were now completing high school. Already they felt some of the excitement and glamor soon to be theirs as seniors at MHS.

"Seniors received attention as members of some prestigious organization."

In looking back over their experiences during four years at Modesto High School, students in the Class of '78 realized that most of their recognition and privileges were accorded them as seniors. As students in the twelfth grade, they received attention as though they were members of some prestigious organization.

Seniors first noticed their privileged status when they were given top priority on registration day, enabling them to obtain whichever classes they chose. Those who had already achieved the minimum number of required credits in English, science, math, PE, and 'sophomore goals' were required only to take a course in government. Students who had taken Government in summer school were exempt from taking any specific subject and needed only to earn enough credits to graduate. Part-day schedules were popular with many, enabling them to attend classes at MJC or get a part-time job, or just take things easy. Others, who had carelessly neglected classes in previous years, now





Chuck Lee
Curtis Long

Laurie Liebes
Dianne Louis

Peggy Long
Jovel Lozada

Frances Luna
Sherry Martin

Genevieve Luna
Anthony Martinez

Ted Lyles

Mike Martin

Debbra Lindsay

Ariel Martinez
Maria Martinez

Maria Martinez
Mary Martinez

Far Left: Bret Meverden gains valuable welding experience working at D and M Muffler.
Upper Left: Vickie Bauer makes a milk shake while working at Gary's Drive-in.
Above: Jill Meadows assists a customer at C.H. Baker in the mall.

Robert Martinez
Sandra McClain

Karen Maxfield
Bill McHale

Connie Mayfield
Jill Meadows

Vickie Mays
Mike Merenda

Judy McClain
Bret Meverden

Involvement in rally, student council, athletics, clubs, journalism, and any number of other activities provides seniors with a sense of accomplishment and the enjoyment of having shared in a group activity.

Most Service to School

Linda Nevitt
John Laude

Devotion of time and energy in unlimited amounts toward the many activities of the senior class and student body characterizes the activities of these unique students. Offering more than the average student, their willingness to share and cooperate in accomplishing their utmost was perceived by their peers, who elected them to positions of leadership on the student council and other representative groups.

Dedicated involvement was the key to the world of challenge for individuals who were willing to commit themselves to the service of others and the school.

Modesta Meza
Chris Mihelis

"Growing accustomed to preferrential treatment, seniors looked for 'easy' classes, where they could do whatever they felt like."

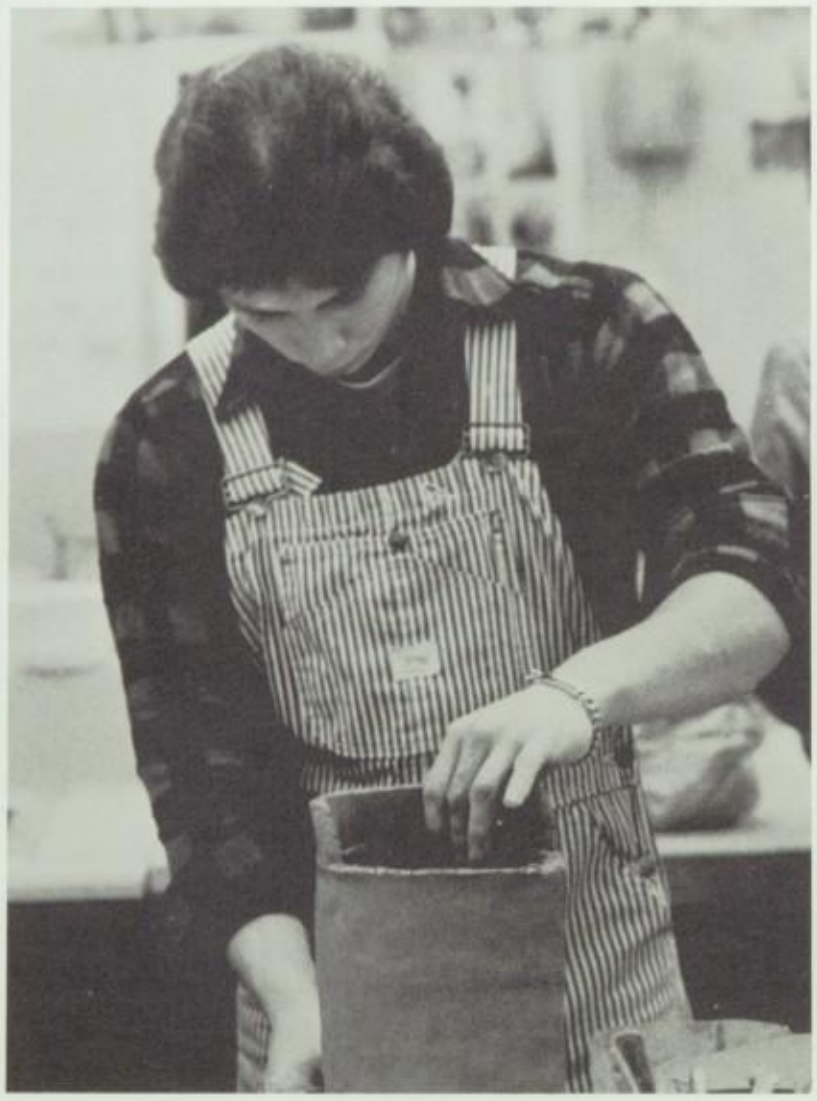
found it necessary to enroll in evening school as well as take a full-day schedule.

Growing accustomed to preferrential treatment, many students looked for 'easy' classes, such as being a school service aide. From the SBO to a regular classroom, seniors hoped to find a class where they could take roll and run a few errands, but mostly just sit around or do whatever they felt like doing.

They often found it much easier to leave classes for trivial purposes than it had been when they were underclassmen. Teachers apparently felt that they could trust students who had built good reputations over the past three years, in letting them out of class.

Members of the Class of '78 continued many traditions associated with the 'rank' of senior. Among these were autographing the main hall ticket booth, occupying the best seats at Rallies, and 'taking over' the railing in the courtyard during breaks. The majority of club officers were seniors, as were nearly all the offices on student council.

Even though seniors held many privileges, they still faced many obstacles common to all students. One of the most despised was Detention, which resulted from excess tardies, 'ditching,' or other similar



Left: Anthony Martinez ads finishing touches to his ceramic project before the clean up bell.
Below: David Gisler slides through another class as he catches up with some of his hunting techniques.

James Miller
Dolores Morales

Edward Morris

Paula Morrow

Chris Nelson

Rebecca Nation

Below: Robert Martinez visits Senior Counselor Trudy Kamps for a necessary program change.
Lower Right: As a teacher aide in art, Milton Bridges obeys orders to clean up the storage room.
Far Lower Right: Art major Chris Mihelis concentrates on an imaginative oil painting.

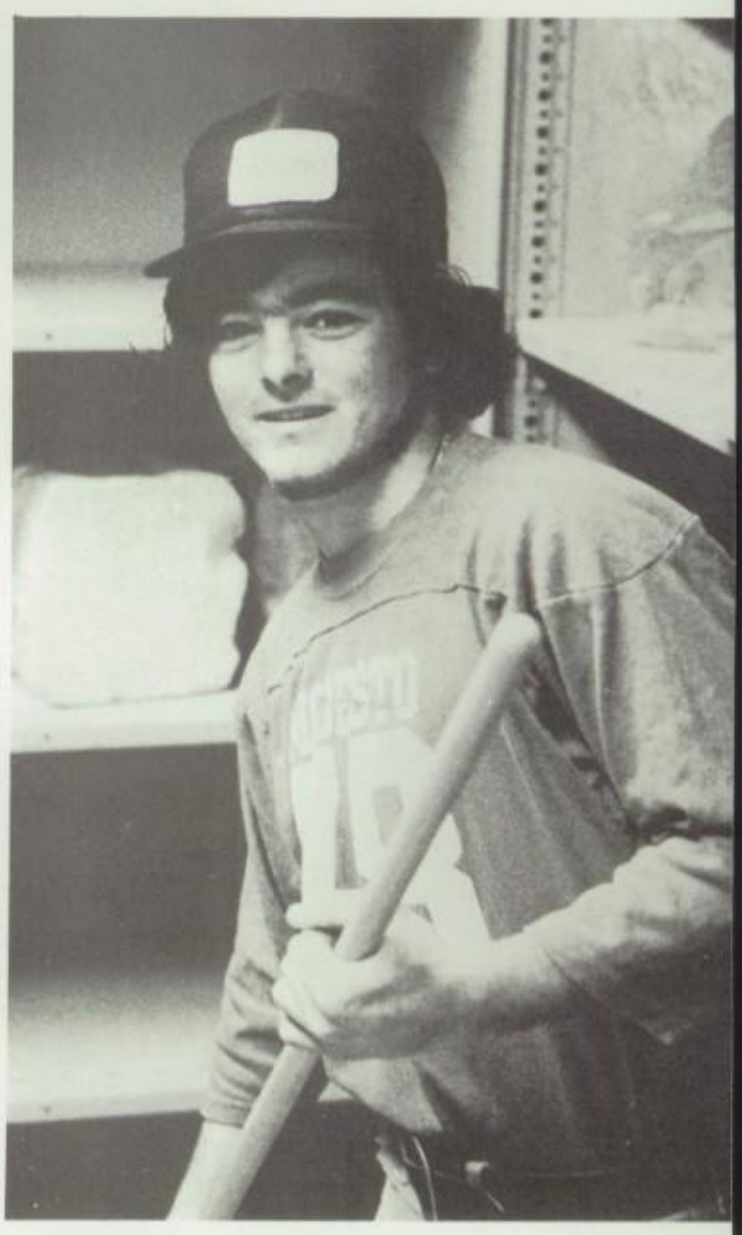
Lanny Nelson
Thomas O'Brien

Linda Nevitt
Raul Ortiz

L. Douglas Ott
Vincent Pimentel

Margie Padron
Terry Parshall

Charlene Palmer
Tom Payne



William Pike
Danny Rader

Suzanne Porcella
Robert Ramirez

Steve Potts
Debbie Renfrow

Glen Riggs
Thomas Riley

acts of classroom disciplinary issues. New this year, Detention caught a wide range of seniors at one time or another, as they found their 'busy' schedules made promptness difficult.

The spring semester brought a mandatory requirement of enrollment in at least five classes, in order to satisfy a state regulation regarding daily minimum attendance. Seniors who had been planning an 'easy' spring found it necessary to secure an additional one or two classes in order to complete registration.

"Detention caught a wide range of seniors at one time or another."

Seniors participated in many class contests throughout the year. These included a pie eating contest, find the Atwater Falcon, a hot dog eating contest, and pep-o-meters. They were also heavily involved in FFA week, rally skits, and BSU activities.

The major fund-raising activity, the Senior Dinner, was carefully planned, with seniors selling placemat ads, of which a percentage went toward paying their own Disneyland Trip expenses. They also held

"Carefree days were replaced by a sobering realization that adulthood was almost here."

bake sales and worked concessions at the games to raise the money needed for a senior memorial and the Disneyland Trip.

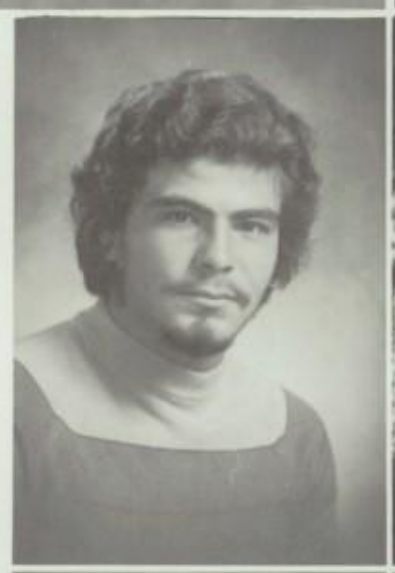
In between the hard work and involvement, members of the Class of '78 found time to have fun. Despite the penalties for ditching, they often took days off for fishing, skiing, or just 'partying.' The heavy snowfall of January and February was too tempting to resist, and the warm sunny days which followed brought on one of the worst cases of spring fever complicated by 'Senioritis' ever seen at MHS.

Yet they also matured in their attitudes and relations to one another. The carefree underclass days were replaced by the sobering realization that adulthood was rapidly approaching. The 'Mickey Mouse'

Below: Jovel Lozada and Anthony Martinez relax in printed T-shirts and overalls while discussing the test for their English mini course.

Steve Rocha
Kenneth Rorabaugh

Ida Salinas
Victor Rodriguez



Sandy Sanchez

Becky Sanchez

Lloyd Sangster

Frances Rosales
David Sanson

Becky Rosas
Tami Santos

Kim Sauls
Hollie Skinner

Bob Sherburn

Billy Shorter

Gary Simpson

Deena Shaird

Russell 'Smitty' Smith
Charles Sperry

Best Dressed
Tami Santos
Robert Ramirez

In an age where clothes are used as a means for expressing individuality, 1978 marked no change, yet popular styles of the year were unique in themselves, denoting an air of dressiness with greater emphasis on femininity and masculinity.

Some students possess the unique capacity to consistently 'look good' in whatever they wear. Selecting their wardrobes from a wide variety of styles, with hair styles and footwear to match, their daily transformations provided the student body with a continually changing fashion show.

Fashions, although differing from one year to the next, nonetheless continued to perform the important social function of reflecting the personal image of the wearer. Choosing well-fitting garments with many extra details and accessories, both boys and girls came to be recognized by what styles they wore. Silk-type shirts and pull-over sweaters, pants with extra pockets, extra stitching, or side panel inserts, and dress shoes in countless varieties marked the boys' wardrobes. Girls often seemed never to wear the same thing twice, mixing and matching in a continuous variety. Students engaging in this style show came to be recognized as the best dressed of their class.

Below: John Stover watches drafting whiz Tim Waddlington draw up a house floorplan.
Far Right: In a race against the clock, Jim Alvarez and Kelly Bizzini heave the last bale onto the truck during an FFA sponsored contest.

Carl Stansbury
Jenny Stenman

Larry Stein
Jonathan Stover

Christy Snyder

Rick Talbert

Mark Tanner

Pam Sullivan
Marie Teixeira

Susie Sutton
Kim Thai

impressions and behavior of previous years gave way to a more meaningful understanding of Panther Life and what it's all about.

"Despite missing out on school activities, seniors sought well-paying jobs."

Devoting time to money-making projects became a major activity for much of the Class of '78. While helping to raise funds for class activities, seniors began realizing that each of them is solely responsible for his own life and future, and began to test the job market. Many students started seeking well-paying jobs not requiring a four-year college education, as they saw professional job opportunities becoming increasingly more difficult to secure. Several members of the senior class found positions as employees of local businesses in such areas as welding, food service, agriculture, industry, and commerce, willing to begin at the bottom and work their way up.

Spending the majority of one's time at work is sometimes very boring and frustrating. Missing ski trips, noontime activities, and after-school sports were but a few of the sacrifices faced by the working population of the senior class. Despite such drawbacks, students continued working, enjoying the new people they met and the challenge to improve their abilities at the job. Turning out workmanship they could be proud of and having it recognized by the people they worked with and by their customers was a most satisfying and fulfilling experience for many first-job seniors. Students found that being accepted by the people they worked with was a very important part of the job, making even boring tasks more enjoyable.

The future which only four years ago seemed so distant it would never come has rapidly become the present for many members of the Class of '78.

Jon Townsend
Nancy Ulm

Vickie Trammell
Frances Ussery

Jaylene Tuggle
Kim Van Vliet

Sherri Ulloa
Rebecca Velasquez

Linda Vallin
Roger Velasquez

Wittiest
Mary Ann Henriques
Bill McHale

Not all students took serious things seriously, and their spontaneous humor helped to break the monotony of an otherwise dreary existence. Seeing the funny side in dull or routine situations provoked laughter to brighten the day.

With a talent for spreading smiles and cheerfulness wherever they go, such students brought enjoyment and happiness to close friends and casual acquaintances with equal facility, spreading their special brand of whimsical joviality throughout the school in a contagious burst of levity.

Their clever way with words and wry answers to dull questions provided variety and spice to the day-to-day routine. Their quick wit and sharp perception into the ludicrous situations of life gave their peers a better enjoyment of school days and helped them in the selection of wittiest for the senior class.

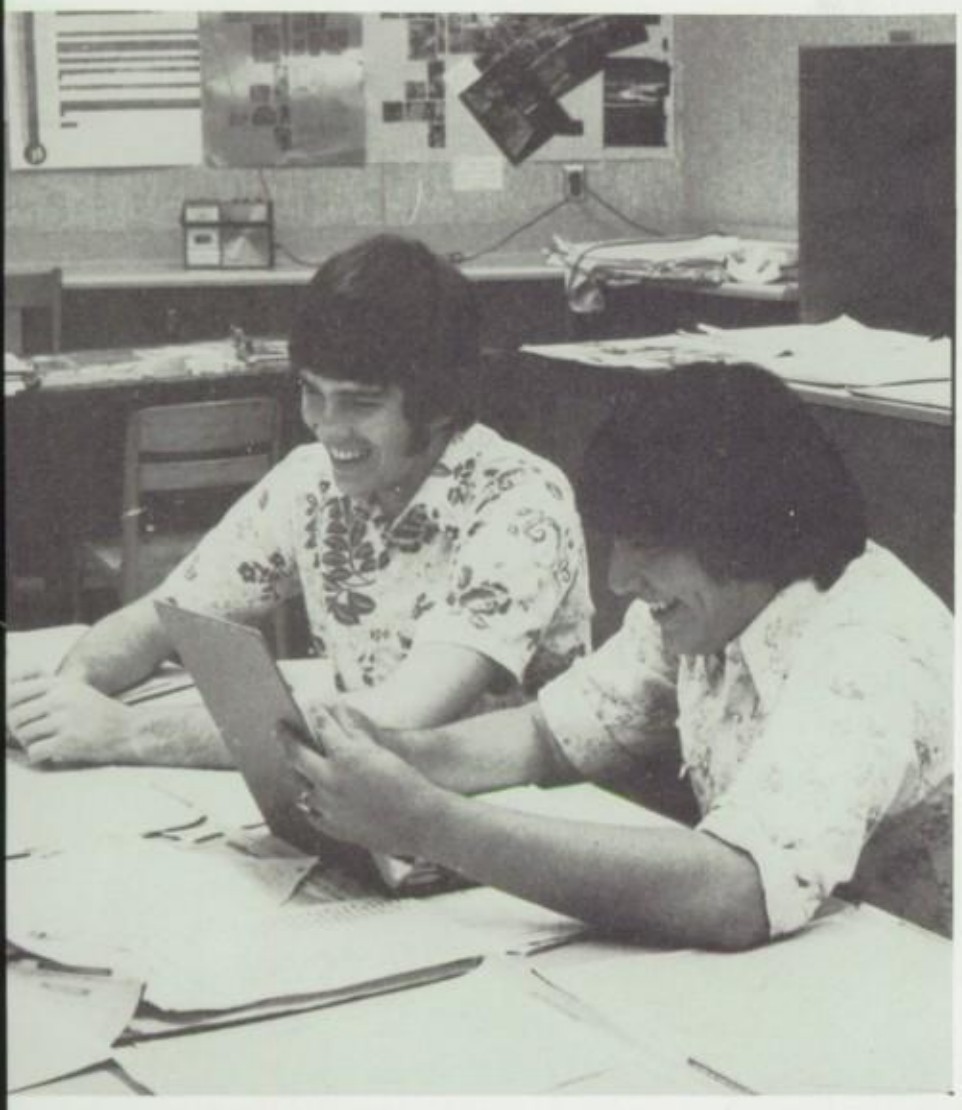
Joe Velo
David Victorino

Juan Jose Vera
Tim Wadlington

Kathy Warford
Tivie Weaver

Sabrina Washington
Brenda Wheat

Below: Steve Rocha politely laughs at one of Mike Alvarado's bad jokes.



"Panther Life—it had nurtured them well and would be fondly remembered."

June 16, 1978 marked the final day of Panther Life for '78 grads. Since September 1974 they had traveled through an era they would remember all their lives. It was Modesto High School, an invaluable experience with four years of trials and tribulations, fun and games, growth and education providing the answers to the question, "Panther Life: What's it all about?"

It was about making new friends, attempting tough courses, going on the first date, trying out for the football team or cheerleader, and broadening horizons through a wide range of extra-curricular activities. It meant trying for good grades, going to the prom, a wild night at Disneyland, and for the finale, graduation.

After the last speech and the final singing of "All Hail to Thee," after promising to "see you real soon" while knowing you might never meet again, the diploma-carrying seniors felt the full force of a growing uneasiness, and asked themselves "What now?"

For some, the door to their lives stood wide open. They would go to college and prepare for an exciting career in a well-planned future. Others would go directly to jobs in the community and build their futures around a trade, while others might try a variety of courses before finding the one which led to a successful future. Ultimately, the Class of '78 would virtually disperse. Tightly bound friendships would, in some cases, remain intact, but for many seniors the paths of their lives had separated at these various forks of opportunity and would seldom cross again. Panther Life—it had nurtured them well and would be fondly remembered. Now they knew what it was all about.

Diane Wheeler
Ronnie Wilson

Derrick Wilburn
Scott Wolf

Donnie Wilson
Maxine Wong

John Wilson
Elizabeth Zellman

Robin Watts
Lorena Young

Art
Javier Mendoza
Felicia Jenkins

Math
Maxine Wong

Speech
Linda Vallin
Jeff Klink

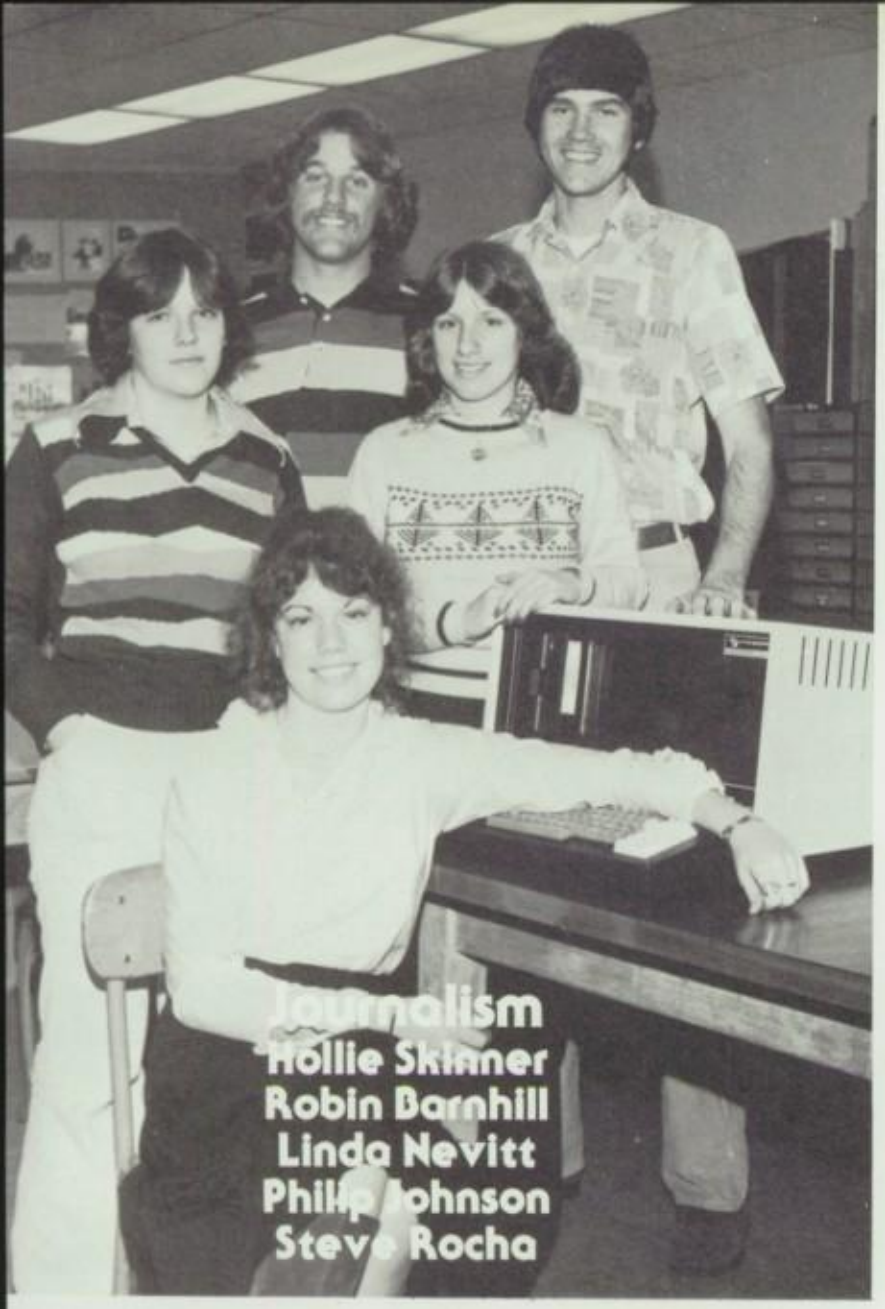
Instrumental Music
Curtis Denham
Dianne Louis
Peggy Long
Tom Payne

Seniors recognized for excellence

Representing the high standards of achievement at Modesto High School is a special group of seniors who have demonstrated the importance of hard work and discipline. Despite the ease with which many of their peers skipped classes or 'forgot' homework, these seniors represent the outstanding achievement which can be attained in specific fields of interest.

Enthusiasm, drive, determination, and natural abilities are characteristics considered along with talent and participation by faculty department chairmen and faculty members when selecting these students to represent their departments as 'outstanding,' not only in the academic areas but vocational and technical as well, thus providing recognition to students whose abilities lie outside the academic range.

Students honored with the title of 'outstanding' have excelled in areas which they find interesting and rewarding, and which they may continue studying as they prepare for a future career. They also represent the standard of excellence to which underclassmen may aspire in future years.



Journalism
Hollie Skinner
Robin Barnhill
Linda Nevitt
Philip Johnson
Steve Rocha

Industrial Education

Pascual Alvarado
Raul Ortiz
George Villegas
David Sanson
Alan Bertozzi

Business

Charlene Palmer
Don Howell

Foreign Language

Gloria Catzalco
Juan Vera

Science
Karen Maxfield
Mike Merenda

Agriculture
Steve Hampton

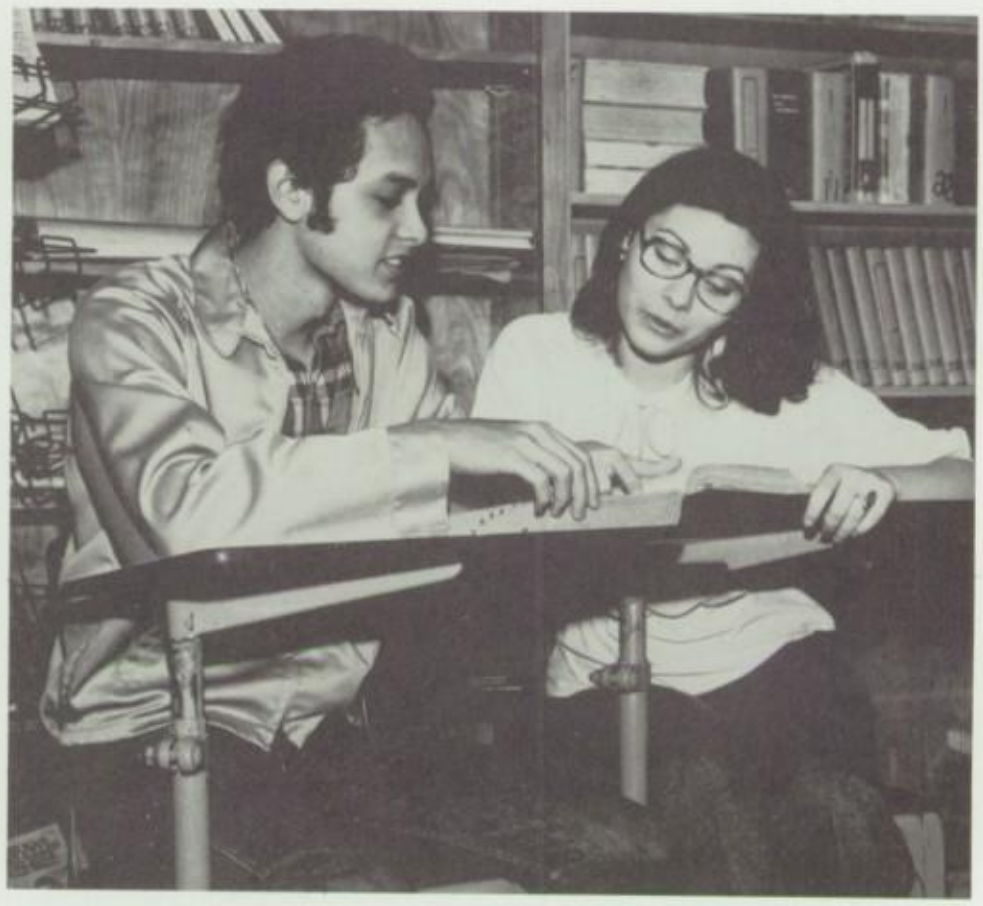
ROTC
Karen Tambs

Vocal Music
Suzanne Fisher
Don Howell

Home Economics
Susie Sutton
Catherine Boege

Drama
Hollie Skinner

English
Bill Eaker
Linda Vallin



Social Science
Jeff Klink
Suzanne Porcella

Physical Education
Betty Beasley
Javier Mendoza

Best All-Around honors those most admired by peers

Personal appearance and expression, athletic ability, intelligence, spirit, leadership, friendliness, and overall personality were traits considered as each grade level selected one boy and one girl to represent the class.

In the quest for friendship, those most successful are the individuals whose lives reflect a special combination of characteristics. These people gain the admiration of their peers, becoming popular among all the students.

freshmen
Ellen McHale
Don Boucher

seniors
Candi Bellew
Steve Rocha

Choosing only two students from a list of 24 to represent each class was difficult. Students were polled in world geography, health education, career planning, driver education, American history, and government classes, with the **Sycamore** staff conducting the final tabulation.

Those chosen to represent their classes for 1978 Best All-Around were seniors Steve Rocha and Candi Bellew, juniors Rocky Vinnedge and Lori Conrad, sophomores Darrel Boyles and Peggy Palmer, and freshmen Dan Boucher and Bunny McHale.

After long debate Junior Class holds prom in California Ballroom

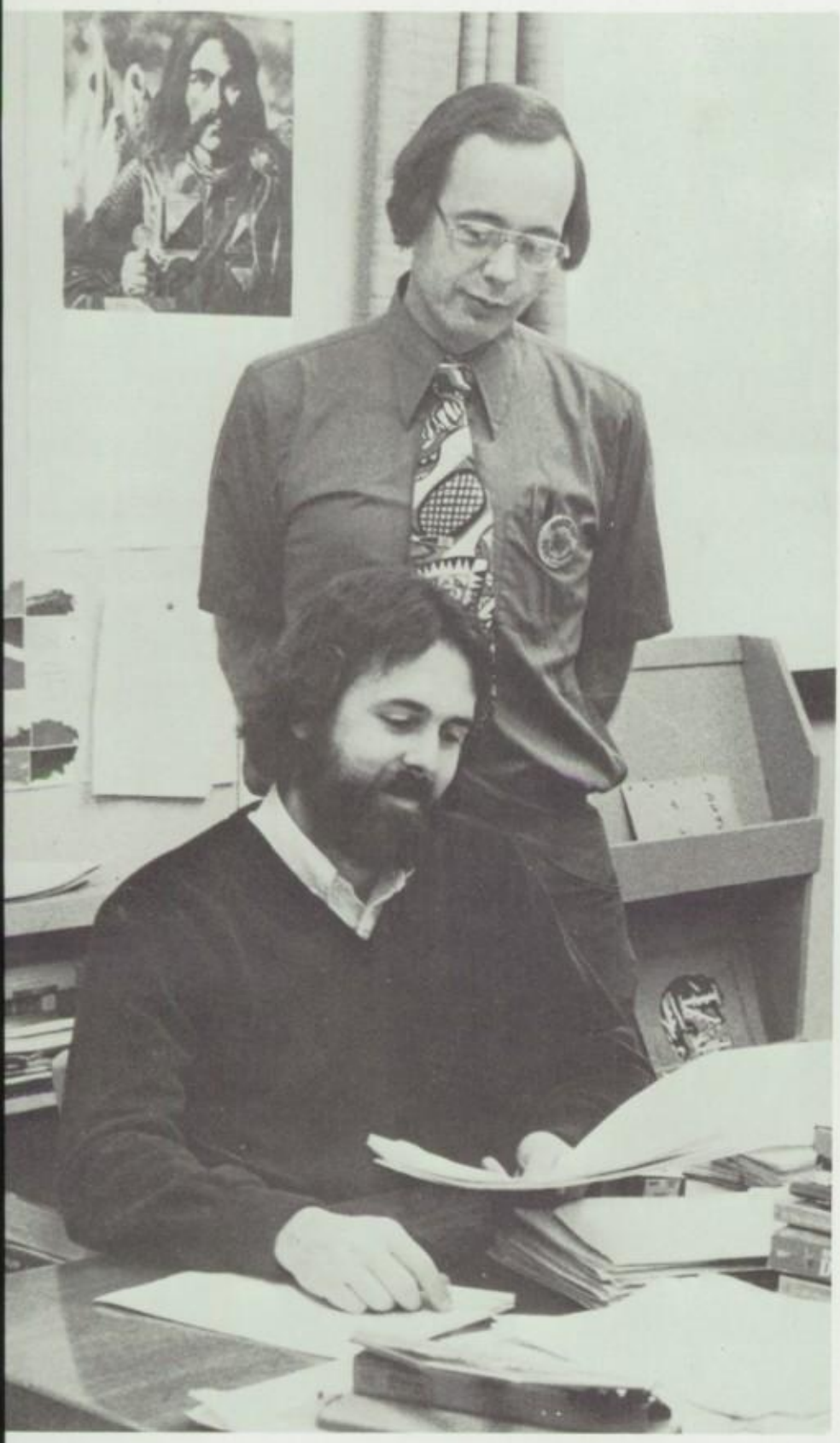
After an unimpressive beginning, the Class of '79 gained momentum as the year progressed. Advisor Jim Kenyon said, "When it comes to fund raising or special events, this class is sure slow to get started; But once beyond the starting point, their productivity is certainly impressive."

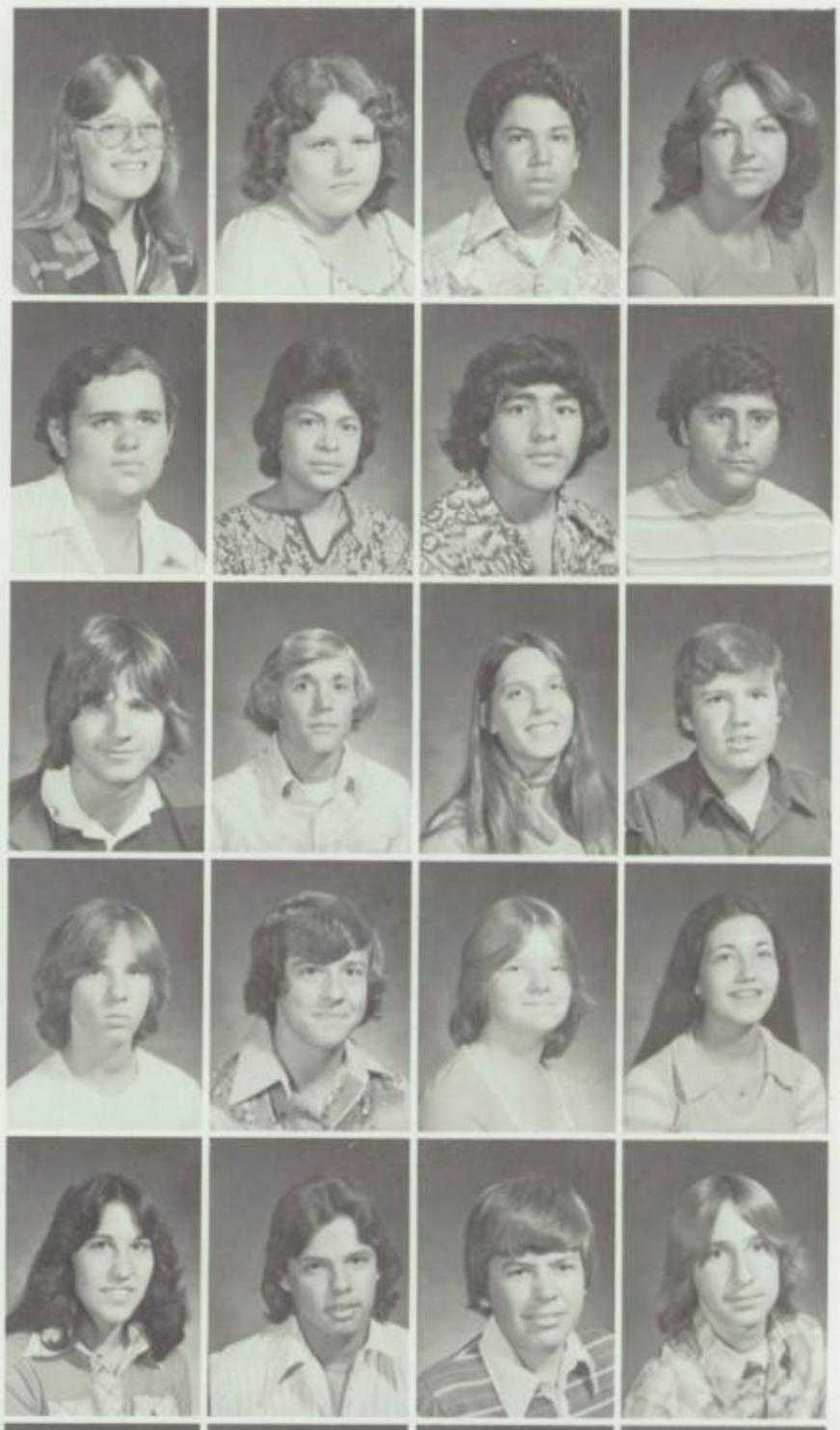
In order to finance it's main event of the year, the Prom, juniors sold soft drinks to a hot crowd at Modesto's Fourth of July Parade. In addition, they held a bake sale in the fall and co-sponsored an after-basketball game dance with the ASB.

The class of '79 decided to hold the Junior-Senior Prom in the MHS Girls Gym for the first time in many years. Although many students were skeptical about holding it on campus, advisor Jim Autry noted, "The Prom was at its very best the last time it was in the Girls Gym."

But after receiving news that if they used the gym they would have to pay for having the floor re-surfaced, the Junior Class chose the California Ballroom as the prom location. Although this announcement made many students happy, others were still skeptical, and debate continued into April before finally being resolved.

Right, Spring Junior Officers, Front Row: Lois Hunnicut, representative; **Second Row:** Ty Angle, president; Melinda Galvez, treasurer. **Third Row:** Lori Conrad, secretary; Helen Jimenez, vice president.
Below, Fall Officers: Kathy Fernandes, vice-president; Anita Menghetti, representative; Sue Van Duyn, treasurer; Joe Schoonover, president.
Opposite Page: Junior Class advisors Jim Autry and Jim Kenyon confer on the progress of planning for the prom.





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Esther Barrera
Roland Blankenship

Maisie Bell
Chris Boday

Robetta Bell
Crissy Bonales

Sherri Beltrami
Danny Borba

Susan Adams
William Albert
Randy Anderson
Terry Armstrong
Dena Avila
Kara Bentsen
Patty Bowman

Lynn Adkins
Jose Alberto
Ty Angle
Nick Artino
Richard Ayala
Nathan Bettencourt
Diedre Bradford

Fransico Aguilar
Pedro Alberto
Peree Ankerstjerne
Tammy Atchison
Steven Babb
Tony Bettencourt
Joey Brasil

Tamara Agundez
Alonzo Alvarado
Mike Anthony
Colette Avila
Phillip Bailey
Lou Ann Blackwell
Victor Brasil

Bobby Breazeale
Robin Brown

Stacey Burkes
Hector Caballero

Dan Cagle
Rhett Calkins

Salvador Cardenas
Terri Carlton
Eli Castanedo

Julie Chambers
Melinda Christensen
John Christopherson

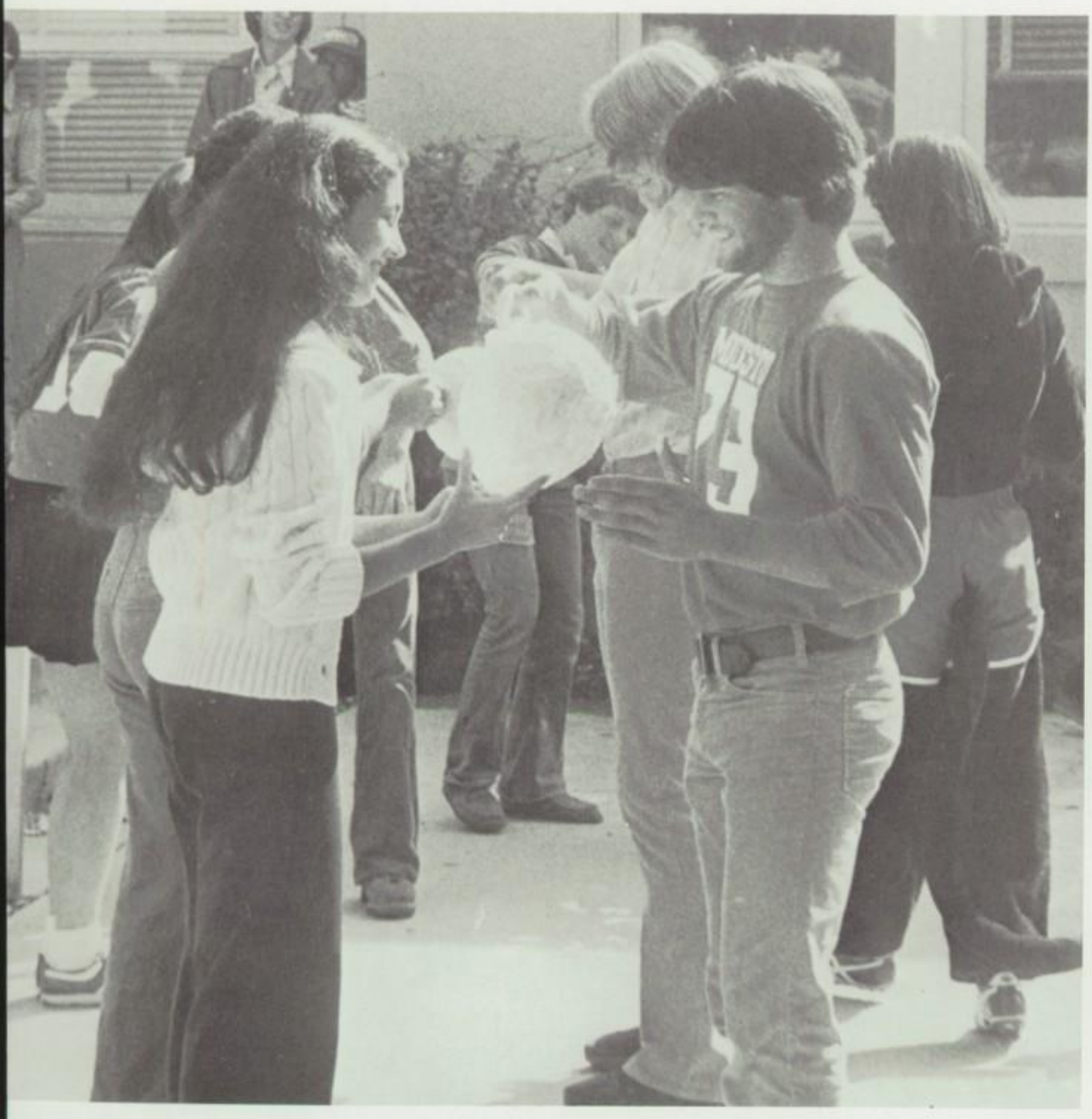
Felicia Cisneros
Michelle Claxton
Willie Coker

Thomas Colbert
Diane Colon
Rosa Concepcion

Lori Conrad
Brian Cooper
Don Corgiat

Upper Center: Revealing their true personalities, Sue Van Duyn, Linda Isoni, Deidre Bradford, Dena Avila, Colette Avila, Anita Menghetti and Debby Moe portray the Seven Dwarfs on Disneyland Character Day.

Upper Right: Juniors Colette Avila and Victor Brasil thoroughly enjoy themselves while representing the class of '79 in the balloon shaving contest.
Above: Lori Conrad exuberates with fervent emotion as Modesto High scores a touchdown.



Irena Corgiat
Tina Counts
Deanna Crook
Gayle Davis

Becky Couchman
Robin Crabtree
Vicky Crouch
Susan Davis

Darrel Deberry
Terry Epperson
Jeff Fletcher

Becky De La Torre
David Espinoza
Joe Flores

Francisco Domogone
Jerry Espinoza
Dorothy Fogle

James Dorton
Oliva Espinoza
Vicky Ford

James Durham
Arthur Fabela
Connie Foreman

Troy Ehresman
Kenny Faria
Robert Foreman

Janet Eldredge
Mark Ferguson
Carmen Franco

Denise Elinburg
Kathy Fernandes
Brenda Fulkerson

Cindy Epperson
Diana Fletcher
Richard Gallardo

Melinda Galvez
Joan Gamgt
Karen Garcia
Steve Garcia
Terri Garcia
Patti Geddas
Patti George
Mary Gomez

Cathy Gonzales
Yvette Gordon
David Grays
Katherine Gullatt
Denise Gusman
Danny Guzzi
Frank Gwerder
Candy Haley

Steve Hamman
Candy Hastie

Mike Hatter
Eddie Hawkins

Maria Hernandez
Mary Herrera

Michele Hiler
Danny Hooper

Cindy Hostetter
Brenda Hough

Lisa Houser
Lois Hunnicutt

Above: 'Kiss' makes an appearance at MHS as Floyd Quigley, Joe Schoonover, Brian Marconett and Stacey Burkes delight their many female admires while masquerading about campus on Crazy Day.
Upper Right: Shawn Robertson gets her say on Kiddie Day.

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Linda Isoni
Scott James
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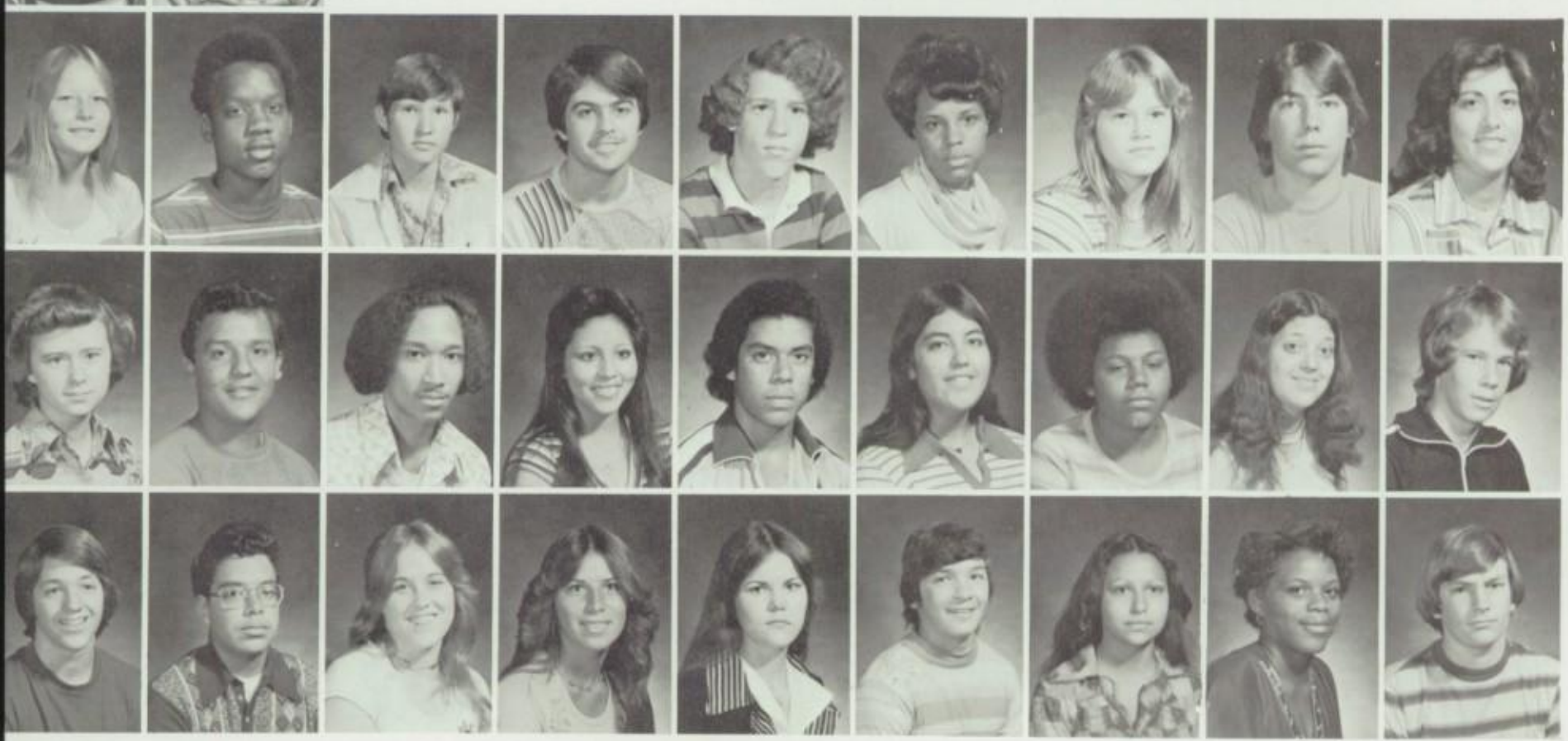

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Eric Jones
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Nick Magallanez

Doug Kolsky
Dell Lopez
Karen Marshall

Randy Lane
Dolorez Lopez
Christy Martinez

Ken Laney
Joe Lopez
Juana Martinez

Virginia Lee
Rosario Lopez
Mike Martinez

Dina Lemmons
Denise Lovelady
Ruth Martinez

Carl Lewis
Debby Lowry
Lee May

Mary Lima
Randy Lundgren
Ron McManis

Jorge Medina
Miriam Medina
Greg Mendonca
Larry Mendonza
Anita Menghetti
Linda Mitts
Debbie Moe
Lynn Moore

Rebecca Morris
Pam Moseby
Wanda Moultrie
Terri Nation
Kathy Nelson
Michelle Norleen
Jim Norton
Asleen O'Bryant

Debbie O'Dell
Sandy O'Dell
Ana Olivas
Kenny Olson
Freddy Omlin
Lino Ortega
Charles Osborne
Ron Ostorero

Linda Ott
Tom Ott

Randy Park
Christine Parker

Above: During the last game of the season Sue Van Duyn and Anita Menghetti go wild in observance of a Downey fumble.
Right: Rhonda Walker enjoys her 'nutrition break' and the friend she shares it with.
Upper Right: Randy Anderson (alias 'Randini the Great') attempts to levitate Mrs. West into improving his grade.
Far Lower Right: Marty Usiak watches longingly as his friends indulge in a large combination pizza.

Crystal Paugh
Margaret Payne
Sherrill Powell

Shelly Pritchett
Kevin Raley
Blanca Ramos

Mary Rathbun
Alice Renfrow
Ruth Richards

Concepcion Rivera
Soledad Rivera
Robby Robbins

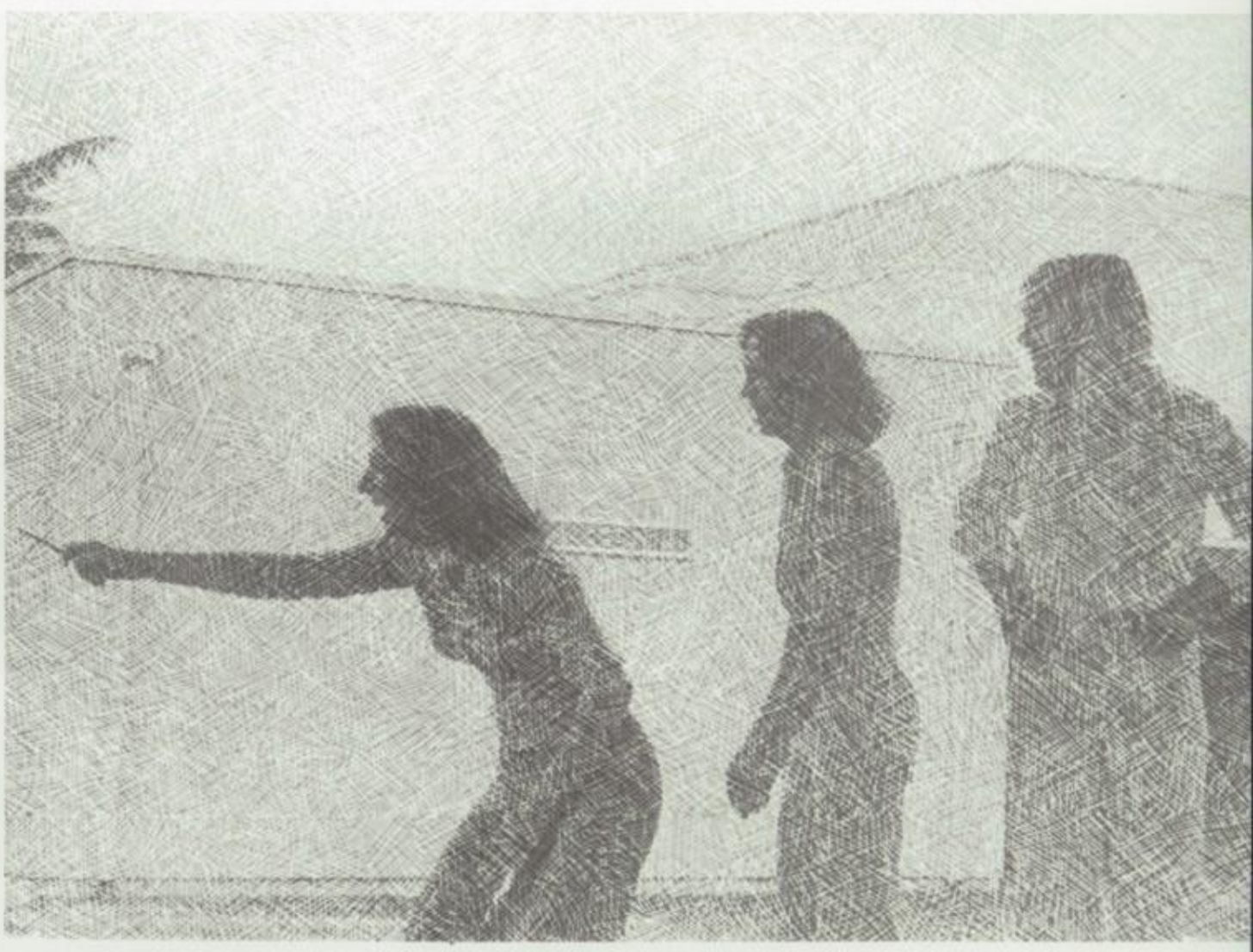
Shawn Robertson
Michelle Rocha
Leanna Rogers

Velton Rogers
Sylvia Rosales
Tami Ross
Anna Rubio
Trina Russell

Carmen Sanchez
Francisco Sandoval
Lori Santos
Pam Santos
Sherril Sather

Steven Sather
Clay Schonhoff
Joe Schoonover
Becky Schubert
Diane Silva

Right: Debbie Moe points to a $4.00 bidder, while auctionee Trina Russell cringes at the sight of him, and Sue Van Duyn eagerly waits to collect the money.
Far Right: While busily talking to friends, Helen Jimenez poses seductively for wide-eyed photographers.
Lower Center: As the crowd looks on in amusement Rocky Vinnedge stages a concert with his imaginary guitar.
Far Lower Right: Sharing his joy of photography with an admiring friend, Steve Bertozzi inspects a strip of newly developed negatives.

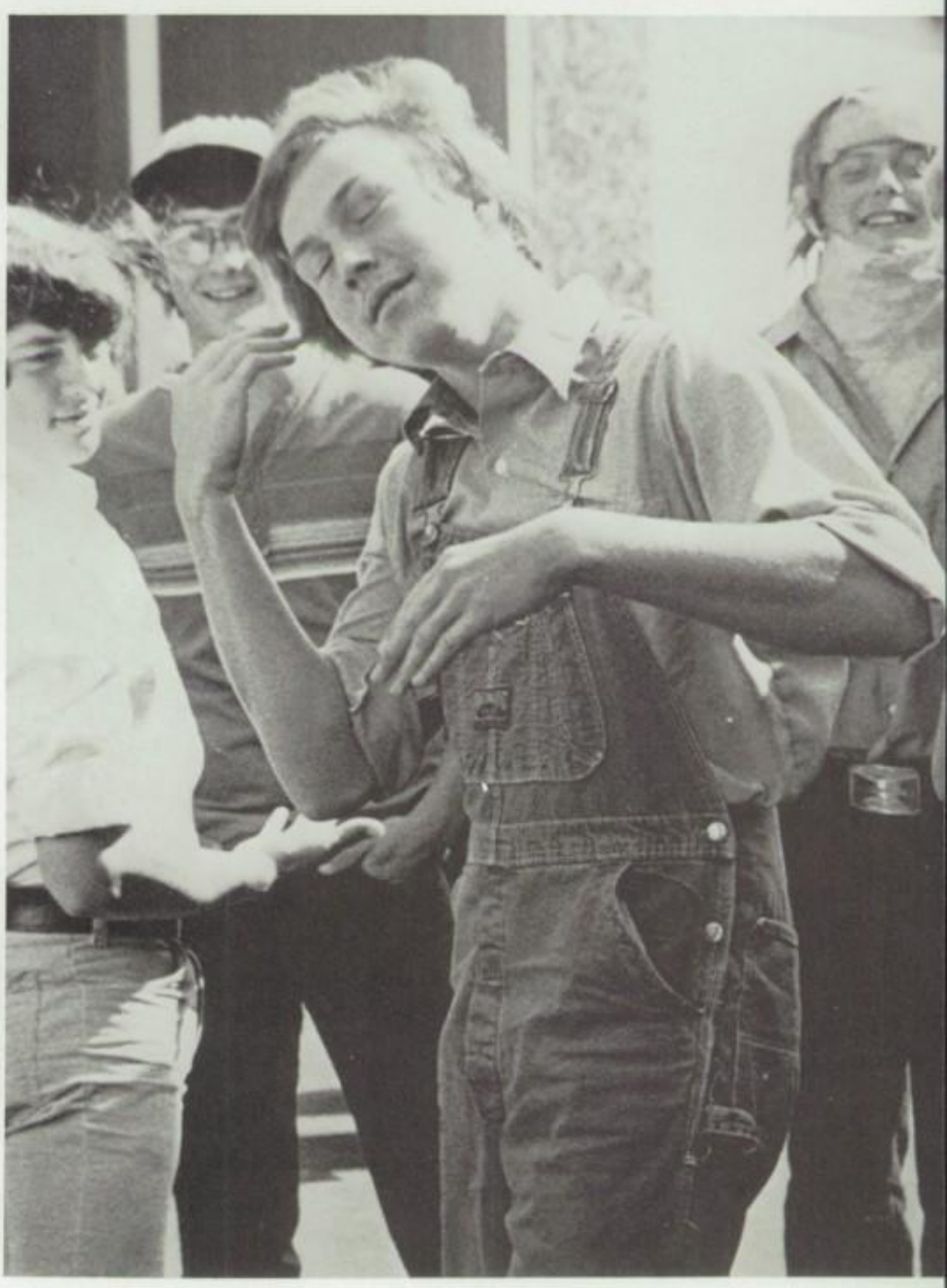


Carrie Simas
Marla Sisk
Raul Soto
Darrin Stroud
Ron Terra
Dee Tylman

Tina Simpson
Ray Smith
Tim Soukup
Karen Tambs
Ken Thomas
Sheri Ulloa

Jeanette Stinnett
Paula Tanner
David Tillery
Marty Usiak

Billy Strohm
Gertrude Taylor
Kerry Tugman
Barbara Ustick



Eric Vance
Sue Van Duyn
Connie Vasquez

Kathleen Vaught
Alberto Velasquez
Anita Velo

Emma Vento
Irma Vera
Juan Vera

Roberto Vera
Sandy Vieira
Rosalinda Villapudua

Rocky Vinnedge
Keith Watts
Melody Wilson

Linda Vlach
Jeff Weston
Karen Wolf

Reda Walker
Cindy Wheaton
Jeff Woodbridge

Rhonda Walker
Rocky Whitehead
Rod Wright

Ruth Ann Walker
Charles Williams
Lorrena Young

Class of '80 works hard for money, sponsors 'Hearts and Lace' dance

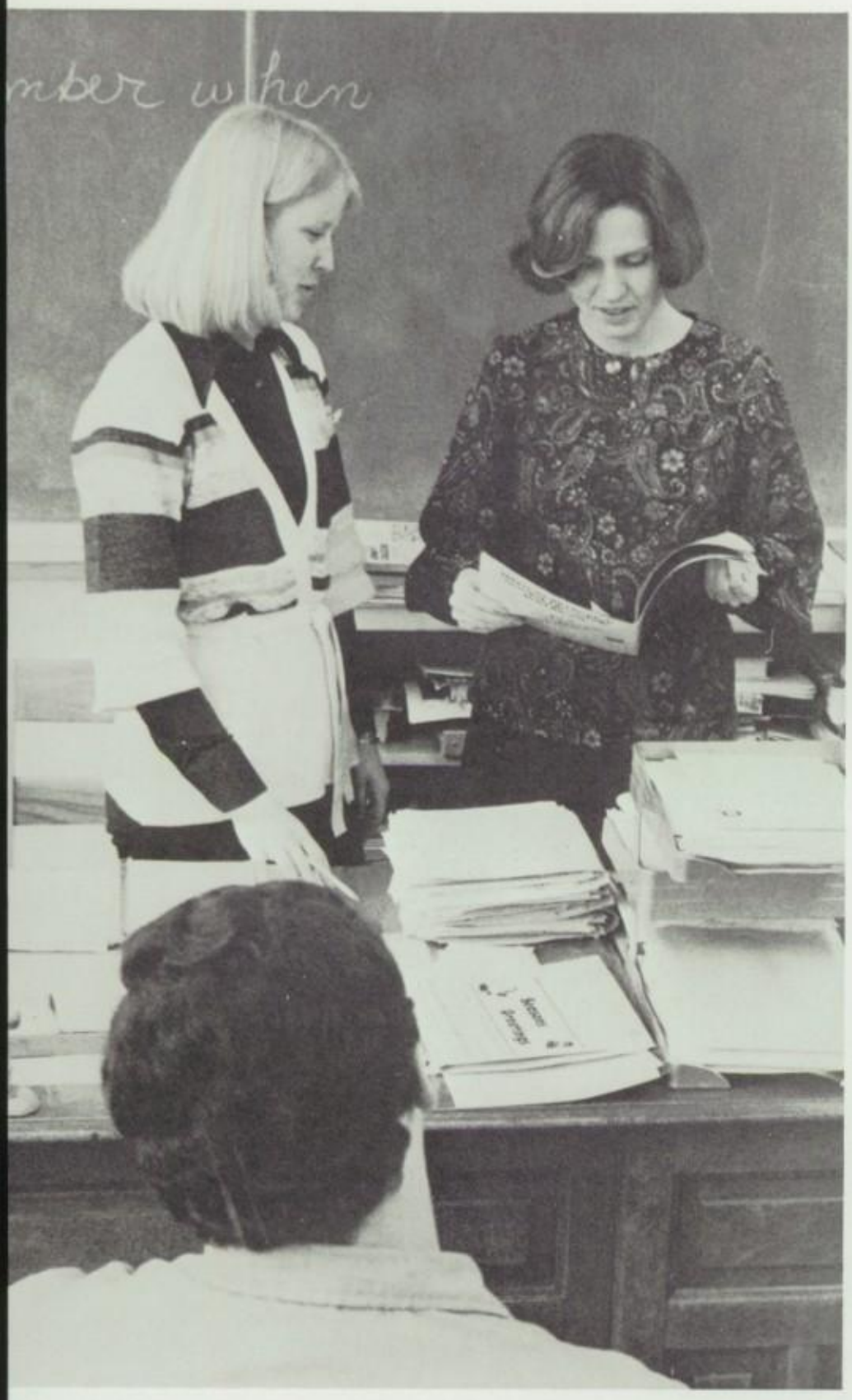
The Sophomore Class was certainly one of the busiest on campus as they held numerous fund-raising activities and sponsored school events. To start the year, classmates put up a stand and sold Pepsi, doughnuts and coffee at Merenda's antique sale. In December, they hed a boutique at Mervyn's Department store, where baked goods and homemade items were sold. Later in the year, the Class of '80 held a drawing from which they made $70. They also conducted a slave sale, bottle drive, bake sale and car wash. By the end of the year, their account had expanded to more than $250.

The class emphasized its spirit to the student body when the sophomore float won first place at the fall homecoming rally.

Class officers Nina Satriles, John Bradford and Pam White, along with a group of other sophomore zealots, began planning for the 'Hearts and Lace' dance early in the year. The dance was held on February 18 and was a complete success; the boys gym was beautifully decorated, the band was good, and most everyone enjoyed themselves. Profits from the dance nearly balanced with the expenses, and thus the class broke even.

Sophomore class advisor Bertha West observed, "The leaders were extremely hard working. But like any other organization, the majority of its members were not motivated to help."

Right, Spring Sophomore Officers, Front Row: Pam White, vice-president; Peggy Palmer, secretary. **Back Row:** Sharon Lubeck, representative; Desi Angle, treasurer; Nina Satriles, president.
Below, Fall Sophomore Officers: Nina Satriles, president; John Bradford, representative; Pam White, secretary; Debbie Ureta, vice-president; Peggy Palmer, treasurer.
Opposite Page: Sophomore class advisors Bertha West and Barbara Quinn conduct a meeting to plan activities.



Ronnie Belcher
Mike Bizzini

Donald Bell
Julia Bland

Raymond Bell
Sarah Bland

Mike Belloni
Alan Bodiford

Angelica Benavidez
Joyce Borba

Vincent Aflague
Belenda Allen
Desiree Angle
Andrea Back
Tony Barnett
Linda Bennett
Debra Bowman

Esther Agueda
Sharon Alsobrook
Mike Arzabal
Maria Balderas
Albert Batterson
Dale Benoit
Darrel Boyles

Gail Alexander
Irena Amezcua
Gary Aspinall
Robert Ball
Theresa Bates
Henry Bernal
John Bradford

Mattie Allard
Sharon Anderson
Marlene Avila
Thomas Barber
Sally Beard
John Bettencourt
Eutiquio Brambia

Glen Brass
Pamela Brazil
Mark Broadwell
Ricky Brown
Eddie Buantello
Tonia Burris
Clayton Butler
Steven Campell

Danny Cardona
Sandra Cardoza
Delia Carrillo
Tom Carrillo
David Chavez
Karyn Clark
Cathy Clay
Gayle Crouse

Albert Coito
Barbara Coker
Steve Colby
Victor Coleman
Susan Connel
Pamela Cooksey
Tim Coons
Peggy Corbin

Emil Cortani
Laura Cortez
Julie Curfman
Mike Dibben
Barbara Dodd
George Dominguez
Luse Dominguez
Rex Duke

Marshalle Dunlap
Raymond Entrekin
Deanna Felser
Verna Ford

Carla Eddings
Carlos Espino
Gary Fernandes
Mark Forest

Denise Eisenburg
Aqueta Espinoza
Nathan Fletcher
Dwight Frazier

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William Fulkerson

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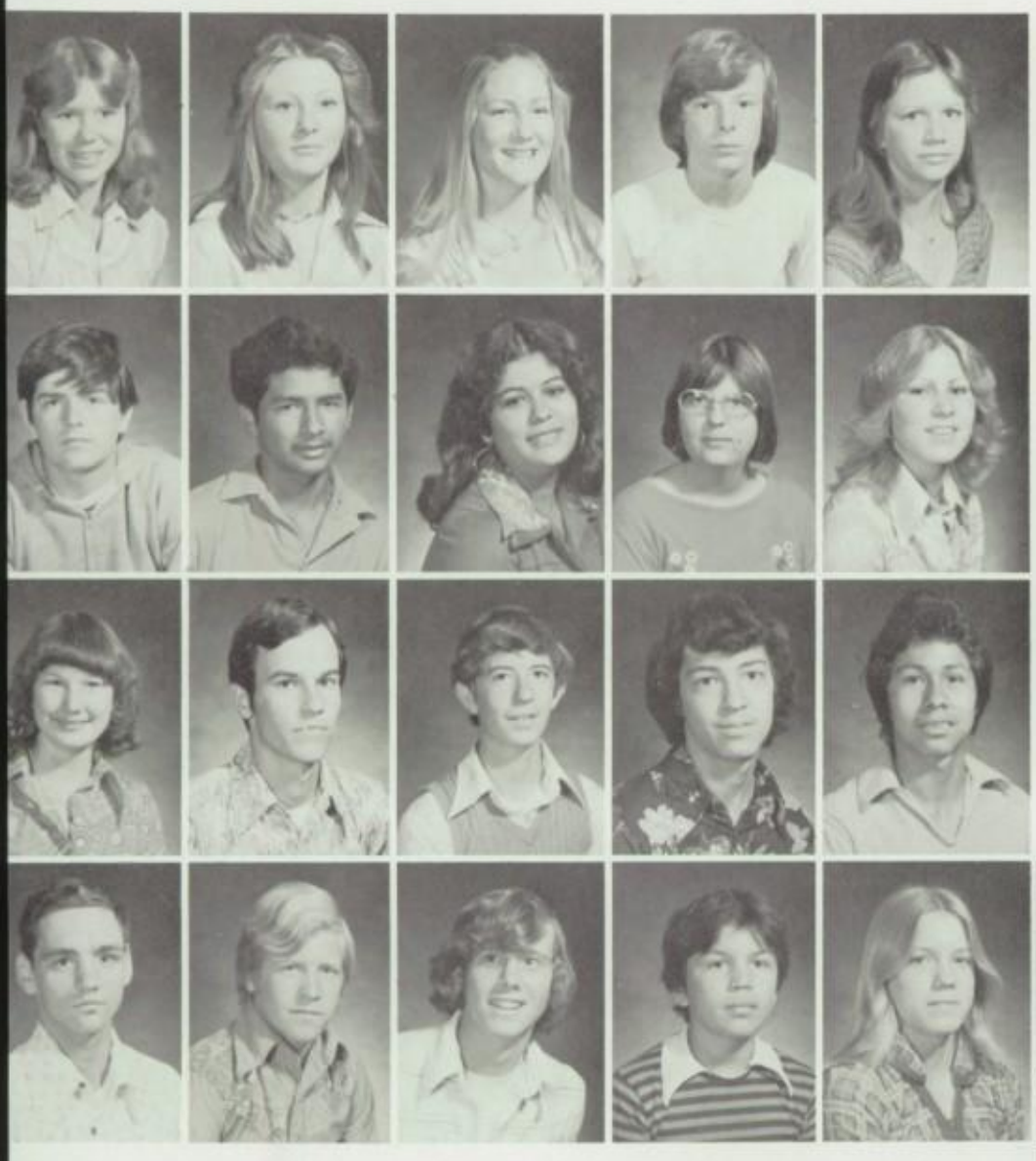

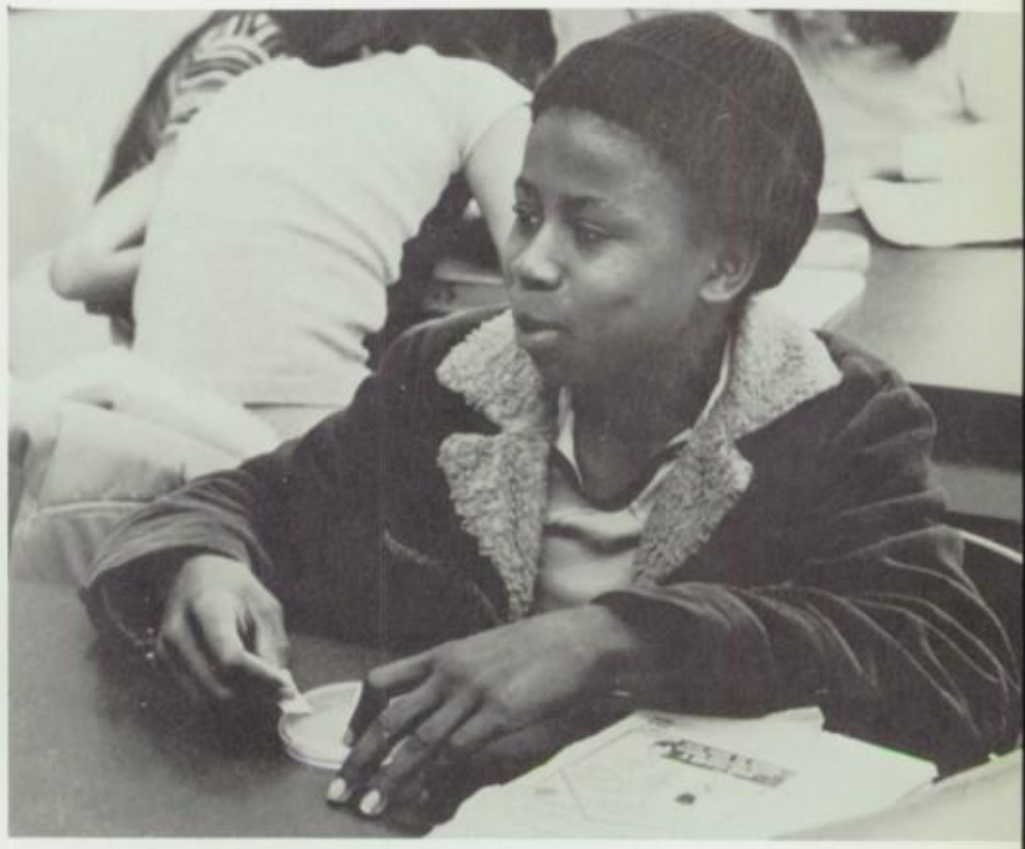

Florie Galhandro
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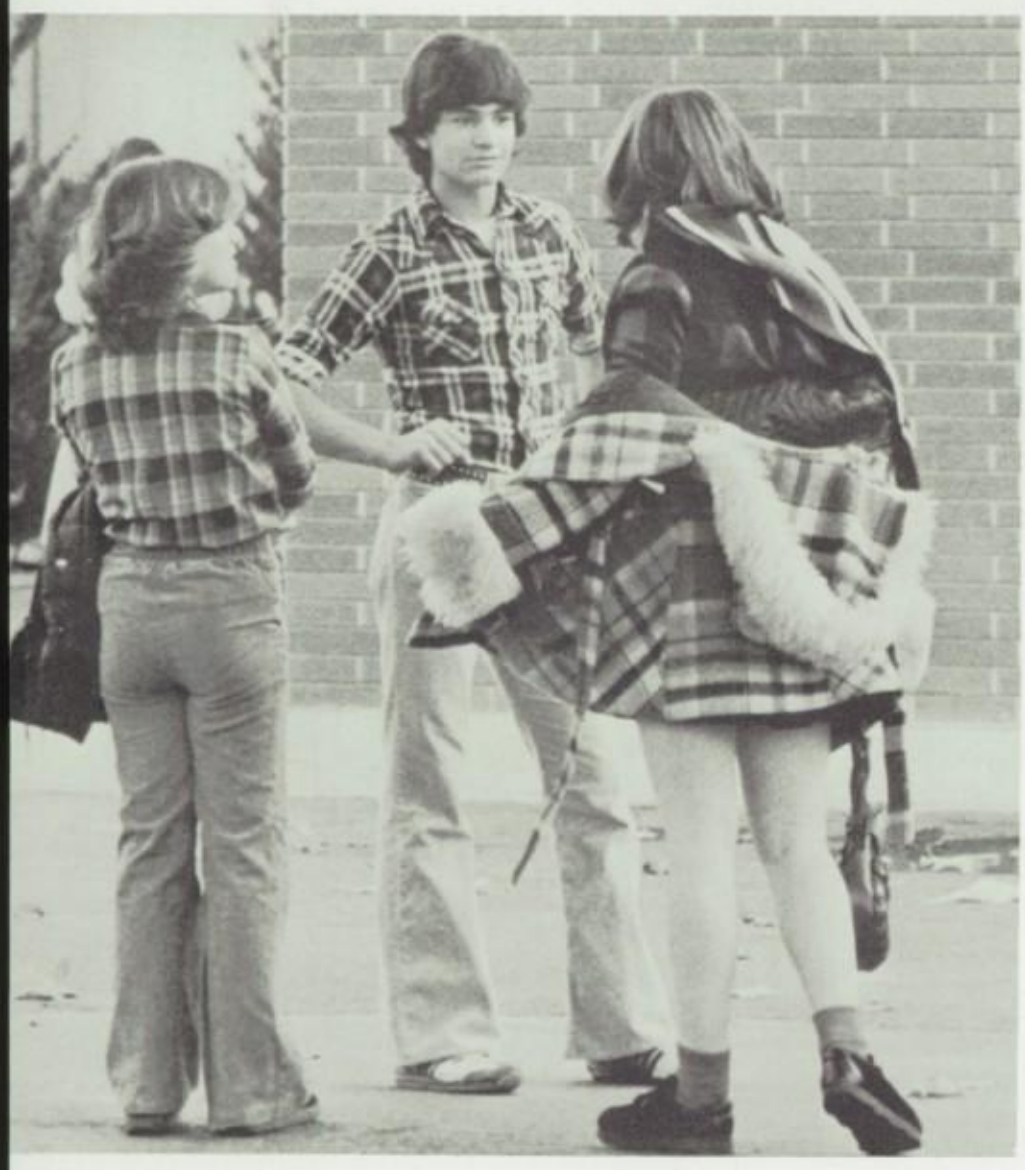
Doug Gibson
Gary Gibson
Judy Glenn



Upper Right: Joey Washington compares the results of his germ culture with other squad members.
Left: Bill Machado is distracted by Peggy Palmer's garment shedding act while Rhonda Bradley awaits her chance to attract his attention.
Far Left: Using a tobacco can for a make-shift football, Gary Fernandes, George Soares, Jim Alvares and Arnold Fidalgo go into action on the Agriculture triangle during lunch period.

Amalia Gomez
Dale Graver
Austin Gunter

Priscilla Gomez
Tanya Graver
Ernest Guyton

Linda Goncalves
Diana Graves
Cory Hamilton

Angie Gonzales
Doug Griggs
Wiley Hamilton

Delma Gonzales
Brian Groves
Kevin Hampton

Mike Hardenbrook
Sammy Haro
Donald Harvey

Tami Hastie
Richard Hatter
Jorge Hayes

Forrest Heath
Andrea Heersink
Julie Henriques

Guadalupe Hernandez
Laura Hernandez
Sandy Hibbs

Danny Hinchman
Linda Hodge
Gwen Hodges

Far Left: David Thompson rechecks his measurements for the last time before beginning a wood shop project.
Left: Finding answers during an open-book test is not always as easy as it seems like it should be, Angelina Martinez discovers.
Below: Checking his manipulative skills during a manual dexterity test is one example of why Robbie Sather enjoys his Career Planning class.
Lower Center: Desi Angle cheers for MHS and enjoys a good time with her friends while keeping score at a gymnastics meet.

Clifford Hoke
Jeri Hunstable
Eddie Jackson
Andrew Klink

Mike Horton
Mike Hyer
Saundra Jackson
Dale Kuykendall

Alma Hull
Alema Ibarra
Tom Jackson
Vera Lacy

Danny Hurman
Mike Imelio
Roxanne Jimenez
Mary Lake

Gwendy Hurst
Tammy Ivie
Louise Johnson
Tammie Langford

Ronnie Jones
Charlotte Lawler

Norma Juarez
David Lay

Lesa Kershaw
Theresa Layton

Debbie Kilgore
Charles Lee

Ross Lee
Melvin Lemos
Jamis Lewis
Rose Linares

Dannette Lloyd
Barbara Long
Christopher Lopez
Guillermo Lopez

Marilu Lopez
Martha Lopez
Lita Love
Sharon Lubeck

Tony Lucas
Bill Machado
Irma Magana
Matilda Magana

Above: Perched on his little red tractor, John Bradford represents the Sophomore Class in the mini-parade float contest.
Upper Center: Linda Goncalves and Sharon Lubeck prepare to ambush the stage coach before heading off friends at the canteen.
Lower Right: Anita Nation and Raydene Travao find the varsity basketball players' method of stalling the game amusing.

Patrick McKee

Sharon McKenzie

Manuel Magana
Hilda Martinez
Stephen McCollum
Eddie Mendez

Bradley Manning
Ruben Martinez
Dennis McCutcheon
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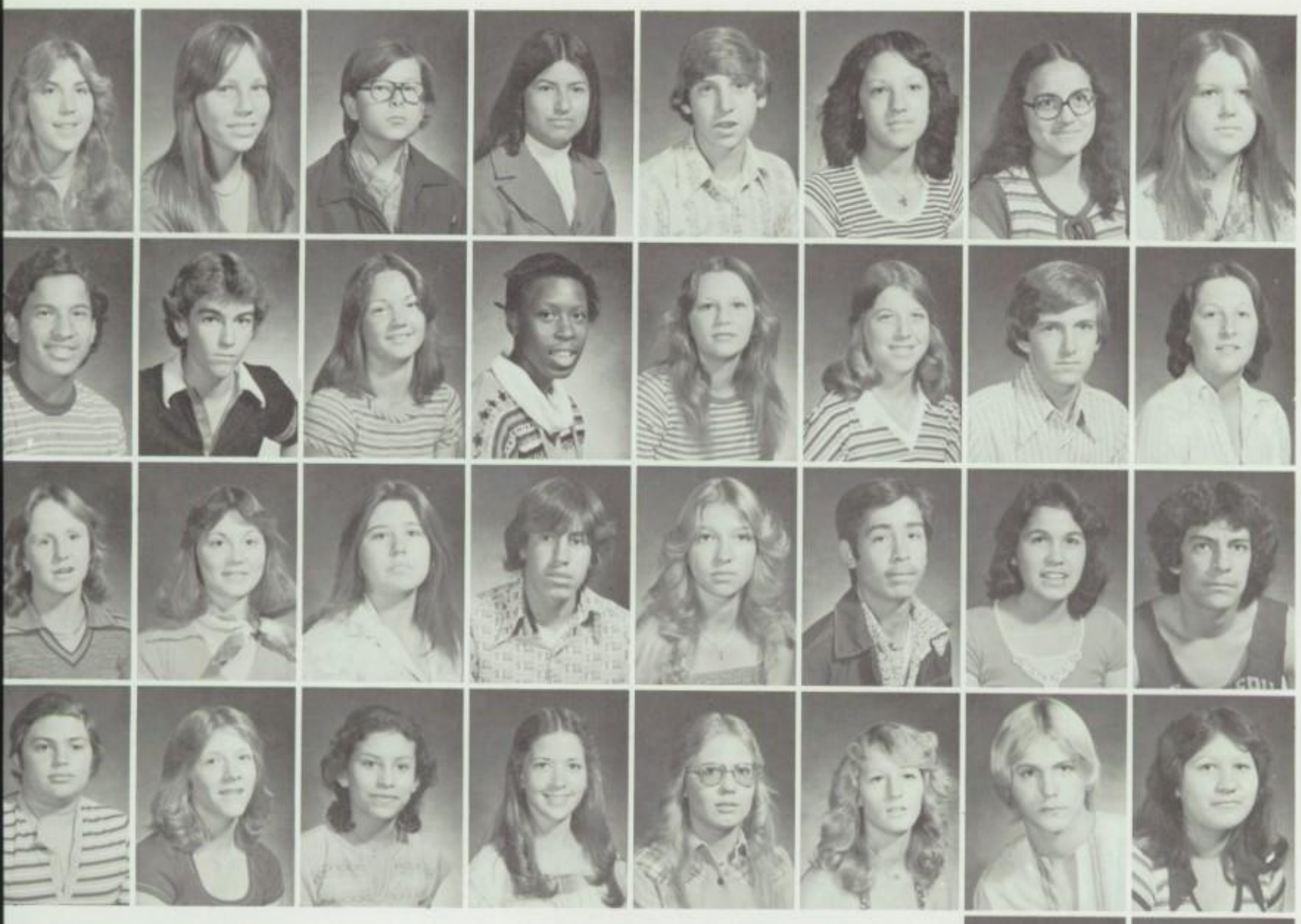

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Diane Oliver
Susie Oliver
Veronica Padia

David Page
Henry Palleschi
Peggy Palmer
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Kelley Parshall
Francis Passalagua
Steven Pate
Donna Payne

Suzan Pearson
Gretchen Peek
Carolyn Peel
Arture Pelayo
Theresa Peltz
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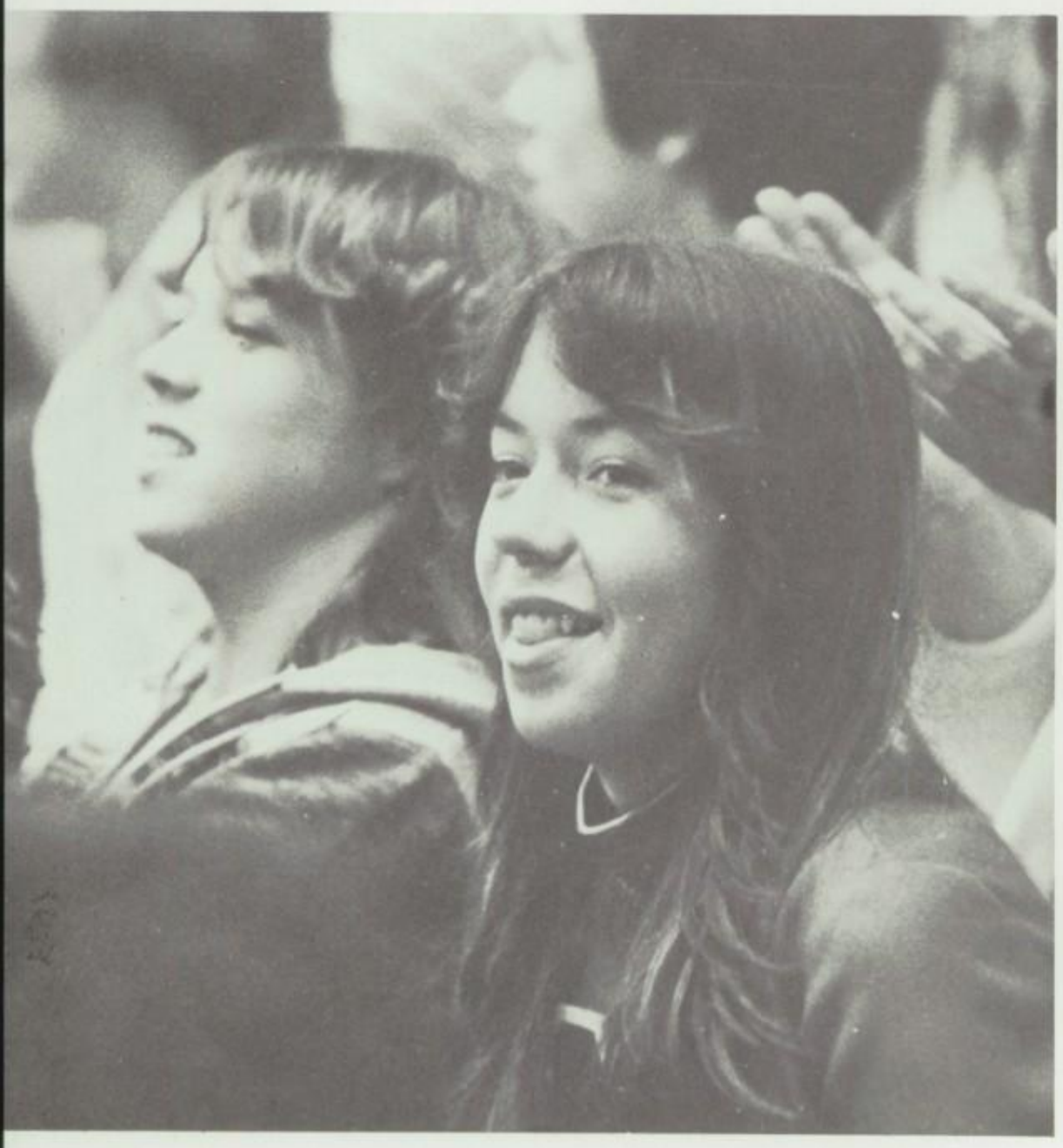

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Anna Rivas

Lisa Robertson
Dolores Rodriquez

Laura Rodriquez
Liz Rodriquez

Jean Rosa
Patricia Rosales

Rachel Rosas
Liza Sacasas
Kelly Santos

Rosie Rosas
Gina Salinas
Robert Sather

Terri Rubio
Robert Salsi
Nina Satriles

Dean Rush
Michael Sandoval
Glenn Schmidt

Victoria Sabala
Miguel Sandoval
Tim Schoonover

Miguelita Sedillo
Mitchell Selfridge
Charles Sexton

Christopher Shaw
Clifford Shaw
Carol Sherman

Sandra Shuffler
Bob Silva
Kevin Silva

Rick Simental
George Soares
Robert Soares

Mark Soukup
Rosemary Sousa
Claudell Spivey

Ursula Spani
Dave Stein
Rick Strazl
David Sullivan
Cynthia Swanson
Tracy Swartz
Toni Taylor
Randy Terra

Yen Thai
Evelyn Thompson
Linda Tilley
Jose Torrez
Raydene Travao
Doreen Tuggle
Deborah Ureta
Jeff Vail

Tina Vance
Tony Van Oostende
Daniel Van Wert
Noe Vento
Martha Vera
Mauricio Vera
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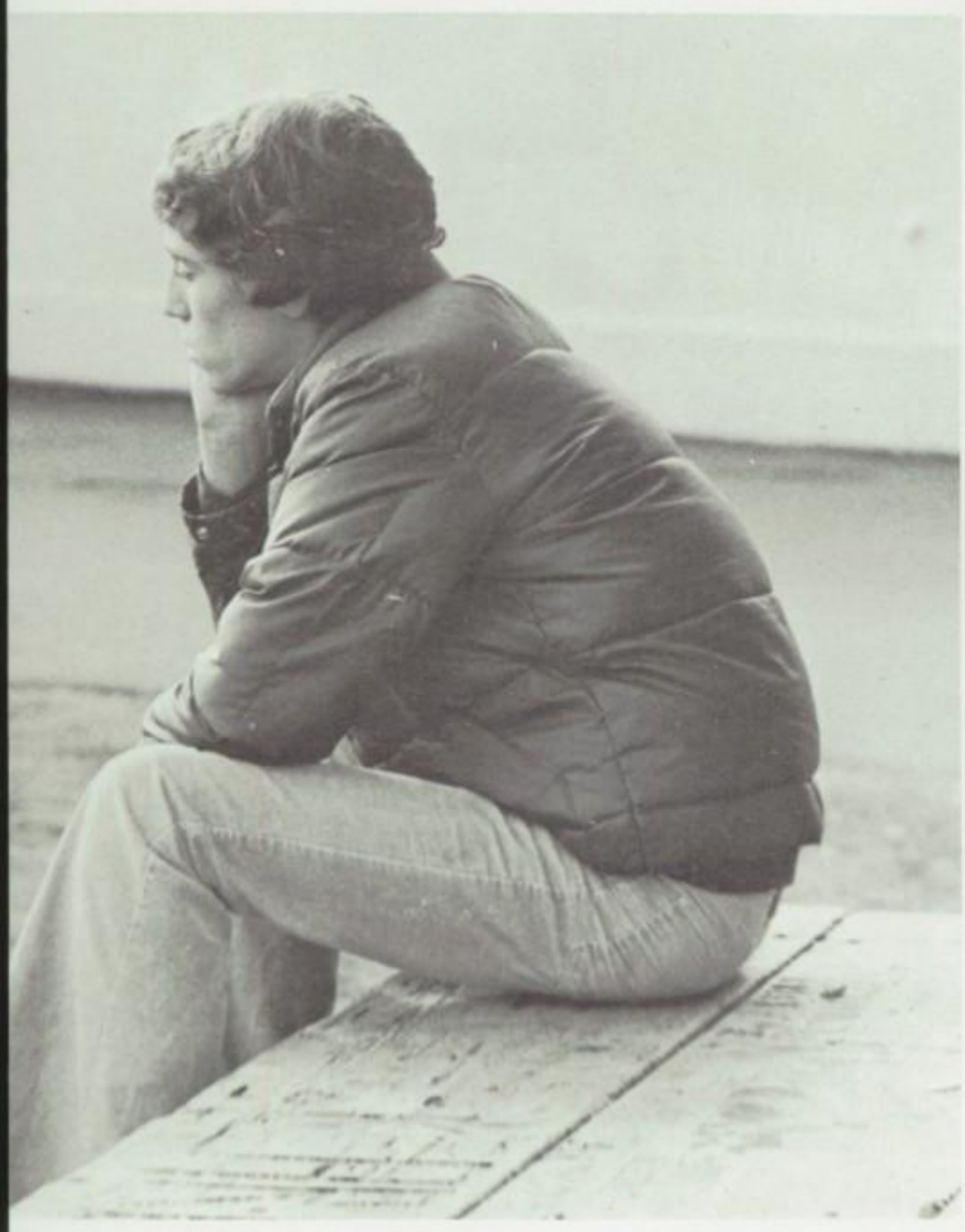
Sharon Watson
John Webb
Alan Weststeyn
Anna Whisler
Karl White



Pamela White
Arlie Whitehead
Darla Whitehouse

Kendall Whitson
Jana Williams
Nancy Wong

Michelle Wright
Lynn Wyrick
Aquetta Yarborough

Far Upper Left: Utilizing a courtyard picnic table, Sharon McKenzie, Lesa Kershaw, and Deanna Felser cram for a test next period.
Center Left: In the course of their morning playtime activities, Dan Wheeler discovers an obstacle which prevents him from escaping from his pursuers, Mike Bizzini and Robert Salsi, who seem eager to continue the chase.
Left: Overcome with boredom from the everyday routine of classes, Mike Imelio anticipates 'life in-between classes.'

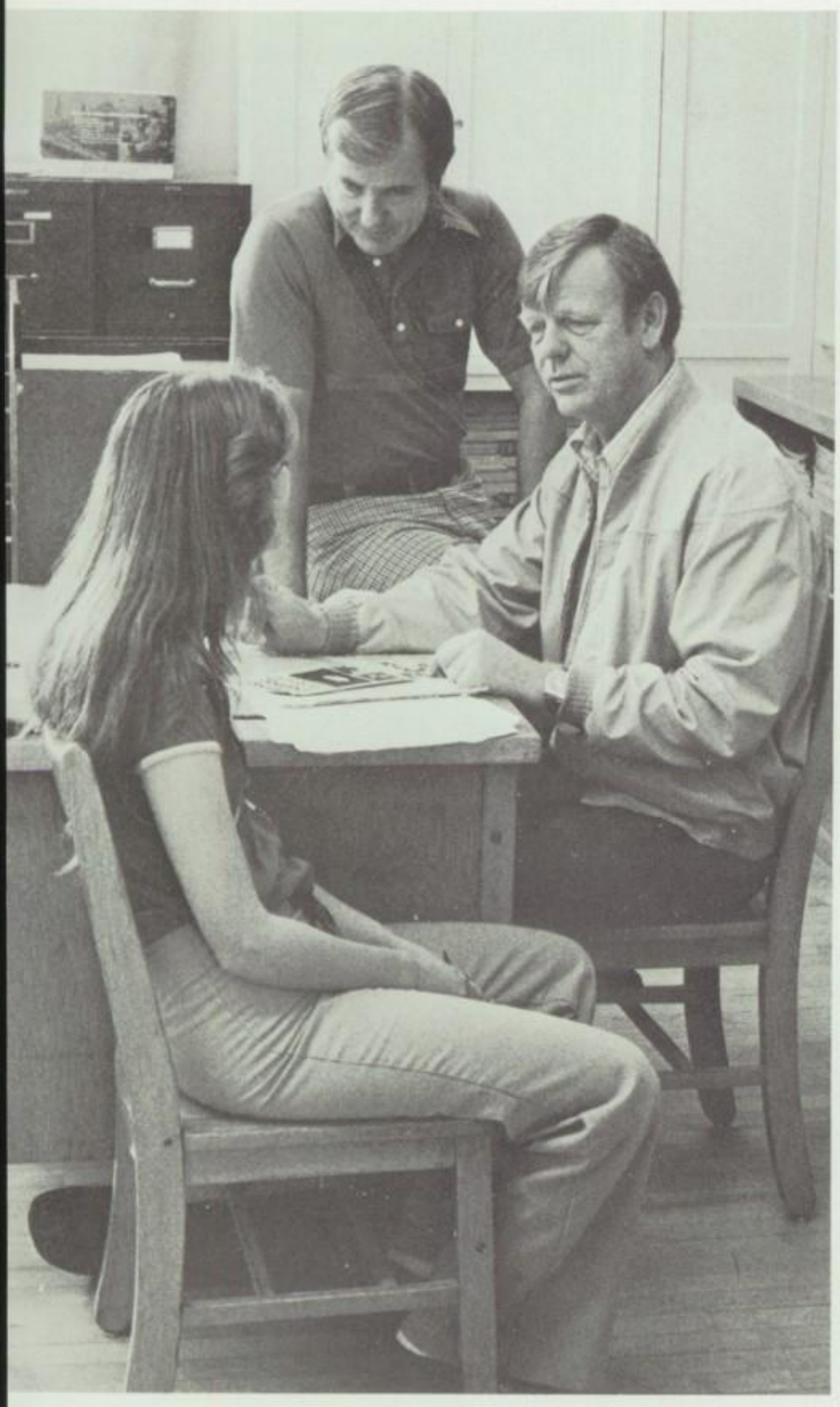
Large Class of '81 'learns the ropes' of Panther Life, gives hint of future improvement

When the school doors first opened last September, a new world lay ahead for the Class of 1981. A new campus, new faces, and a new set of traditions to learn awaited them. Frosh soon discovered the many different money-making projects and fun activities waiting for eager students to become involved in. Students who had 'hung around' together in junior high quickly made new friends, sometimes resulting in leaving the old ones behind as their interests diverged.

With nearly 500 students enrolled, the young Panthers proved themselves promising individuals in academics, spirit, and athletics, joining upperclassmen in student activities. As always, leaders emerged to head class projects. Mark Ketchum was elected fall president to get the Class of '81 started, and a Slave Sale helped put the treasury in the black.

Quick to copy upperclassmen, the freshmen went to parties, 'cruised' McHenry, and found new romances. They even learned new and devious ways to 'ditch' classes and the best places to hide out as well as the rewards of service and involvement. With the first year behind them, memories of their triumphs and defeats will remain a part of their Panther Life.

Right, Fall Freshman Class Officers, Front Row: Edie Lau, representative. **Second Row:** Anna Sierra, treasurer; Michelle Curci, secretary. **Back Row:** Mark Ketchum, president; Don Boucher, vice president.
Opposite Page: Freshman class advisors H. L. Clark and Marvin Lunquist talk to students individually about signing up for the upcoming Slave Auction.
Below, Spring Freshman Class Officers: Ellen McHale, vice president; Sharon Bertozzi, treasurer; Genise Van Duyn, secretary; Mark Ketchum, representative; Xochitl Covarrubias, president.



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Loren Boone
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Scott Calkins

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Richard Cardenas

Joe Ables
George Amaya
John Azevedo
Barbara Bass
Akira Bell
Eutidulo Brambila
Susan Casey

Mike Adcox
Steve Anderson
Gene Balentine
Carmen Bautista
Richard Bell
Brenda Branch
Walfred Castenas

Robert Aguirre
Miguel Arrizon
Andy Barnett
Oscar Bazan
Cesar Benavidez
Art Broadwell
Albert Castillo

Pancho Alvarado
Nancy Ayala
Raquel Barrera
Eric Beck
Sharon Bertozzi
Alonzo Bryant
Juan Castillo

Right: Enjoying a good laugh and snack in the courtyard, Maria Linhares, Gina DelRe, Becky Cloud, Becky Simpson, Edie Lau, Debbie Sheppard, Michele Curci, Debbie Stroud and Rosaline Bettencourt prefer to remain in the company of a group of other girls than to tackle the formidable social mountains of MHS alone.

Far Right: Expressing jubilant emotions, Geraldine Nunes, Suzanne Osterero, Sharon Bertozzi and Genise Van Duyn giggle their way through the school hymn.

Connie Cleek
Donald Coons
Eric Cruz
Hank Douglas

Rick Clipper
Greg Cooper
Michelle Curci
Karen Dwyer

Jess Coronado
Mike Davis
Jimmie Easley

Gracelda Cortes
Roxanne Davis
Richard Elam

Cesario Cortez
Ruth Delano
William Engeler

Estelle Counts
Gina Del Re
Stephen Escoba

Xochitl Covarrubias
Vicky DeSimone
Tammy Evans

Kurry Crane
John Dias
Eddie Faria

Suzanne Crum
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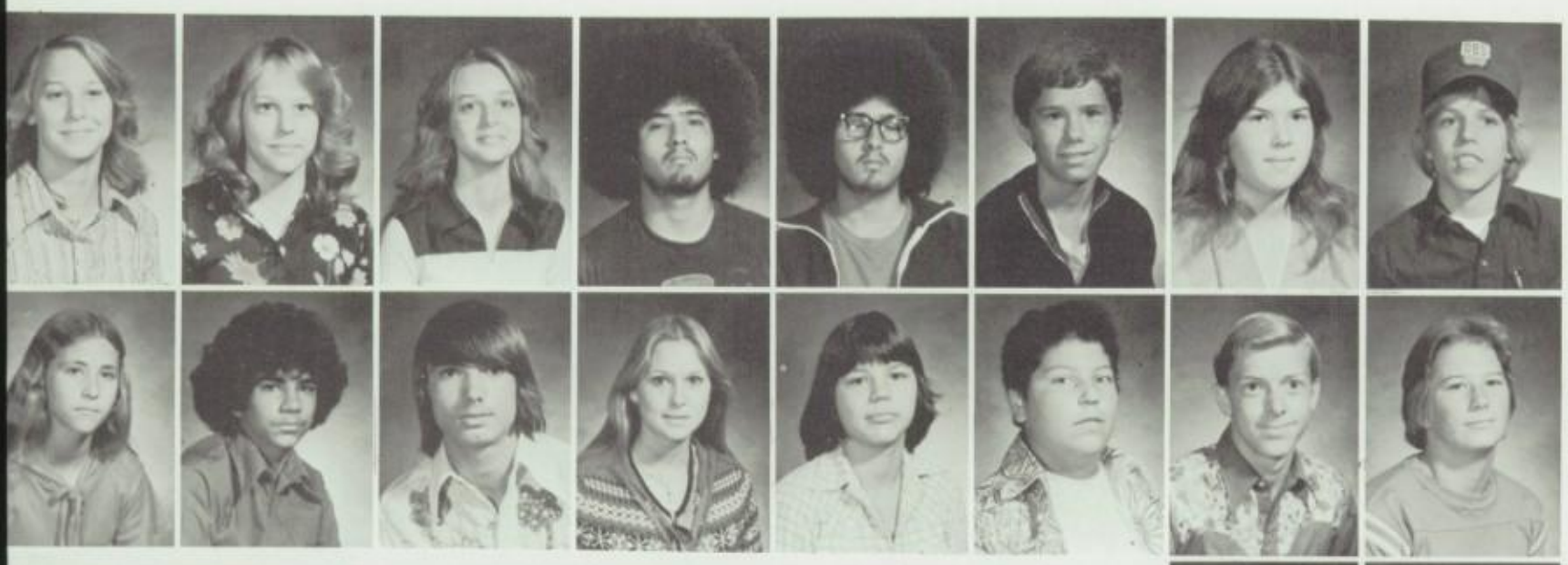
Gloria Cooksey



Denise Felser
Genise Felser
Tamera Fletcher
Art Flores
Tony Flores
John Foreman
Veda Foreman
Rich Fultz

Gina Furtado
Nick Gallardo
Joe Galvez
Debbie Gamble
Verna Gann
Humberto Garcia
Keith Gibson
David Gilbert

Dee Gilbert
Galena Gilstrap

John Gish
Frank Gonzales

Rudy Gonzales
Kenny Goonce

Lee Grays
Jeff Gregory

Leah Gullatt
Stephanie Gunter

Sheryl Hamilton
Marci Harris

Paul Harrison
Jay Hatter
Becky Hawkins
Brenda Henson
Lori Hensen
Carlos Heredia
Maria Hernandez
Deanna Higareda

Jill Hoke
Kelly Hoke
Ben Hotter
David Howell
Dwight Hunnicutt
Rovela Huntley
Carolyn Hurst
Francisco Ibarra

Verla Ivie
Viola Jackson
Effren Jimenez
Ava Jones
Steven Jones
Cherie Kay
Gloria Keeney
Mark Ketchum

Phuong Kirby
Nancy Lake
Tracy Lane
Edie Lau
Mike Lewis
Alfredo Leza
Maria Linhares
Ronnie Long

Michael Lopez
Martha Lopez

Ernie Louis
Maggie Louis

Right: Kathy Dias allows her eyes to stray from the football field during halftime festivities as she attempts to 'take in all the sights' of the mysterious high school life.
Upper Right: As senior Martha Ketchum attempts to bring Eddie Faria's retail market value up to the norm, Mark Ketchum and Don Baucher await their turns to be sold at the Freshman Slave Auction.
Lower Right: In asking for student body support during a Rally, frosh football team captain Fred Miller exhibits his all-star grin, a sure lady-killer.

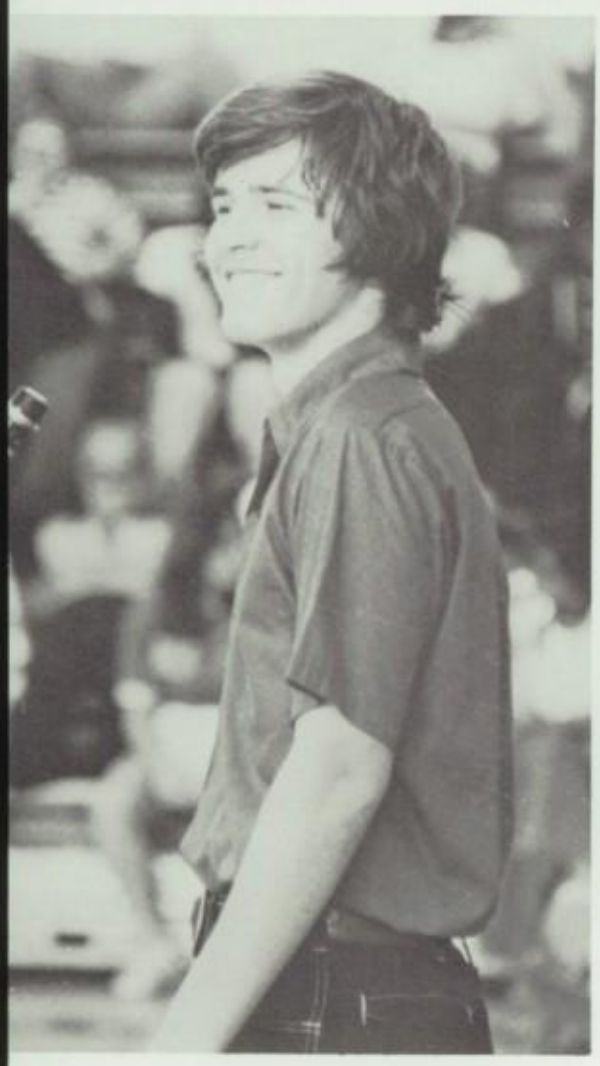
Cheryl Love
Lita Love
Diane Lovelady

Randy Luttrel
Mike Macedo
Anita Madrigal

Lynn Martin
John Martins
Alex Martinez

Betty Martinez
Domingo Martinez
Julie Mattox

Randy Mayfield
Richard Mayhew
Lisa McAmis



Bill McGill
Ellen McHale
Steve McManis
Roland Meeks
Albert Mendonca

Gilbert Mendoza
Colleen Miller
Fred Miller
Patrick Miller
Sheldon Miller

Tina Mitts
Rosanna Molina
William Monges
James Manic
Larry Moore

Christina Moran
James Morgan
Cynthia Mossmayer

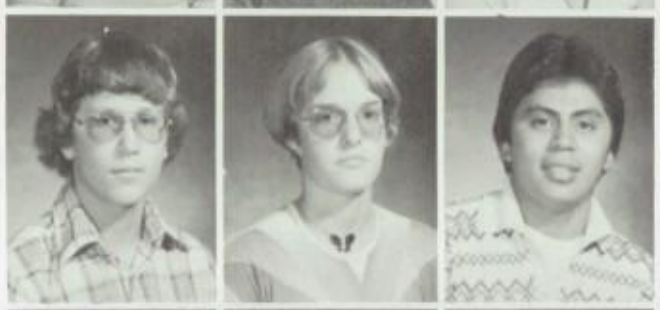
Phillip Nachatelo
Selena Nash
Jerry Naylor

Sandy Nelson
Patty Noble
Miechell Norris

Geraldine Nunes
Esther O'Brian
John O'Dell

Mark O'Kelley
Ty O'Laughlin
Gabriela Olivas

Priscilla Ortega
Fred Osborne
Suzanne Ostorero



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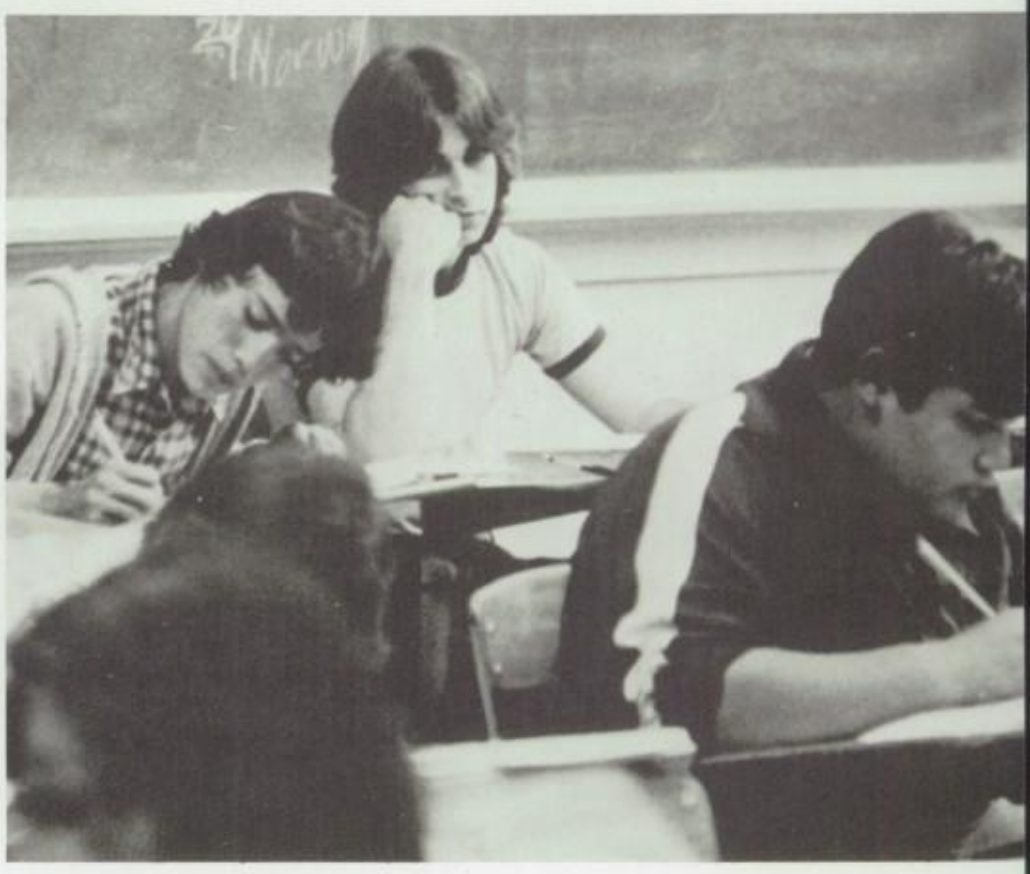
Cyndi Ott
Adam Pacheco

Kevin Packard
Chris Palmtag
Dennis Park



Doug Peel
Irma Pena
Arturo Peral

Raymond Pogue
Greg Porcella
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Mark Quattrin
Gentry Quinn

BranDee Raley
George Ramirez
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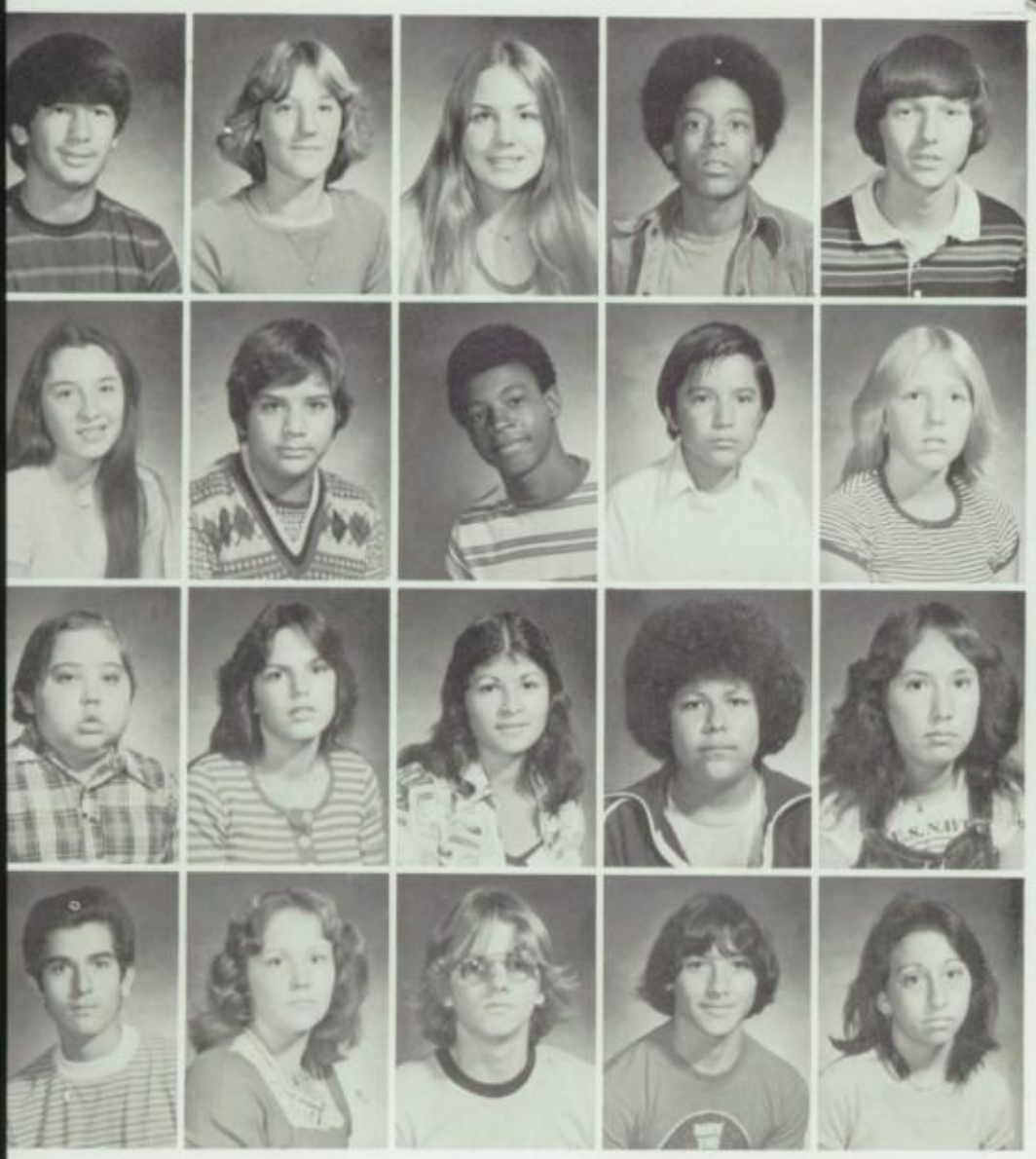


Mike Rangel
Irene Rodriguez
Raul Salcedo
Pete Sandoval

Pamela Reffle
Raphael Rodriguez
Rosa Salinas
Denise Sanford

Sabrena Reim
Gilbert Rosenberg
Carol Sanchez
Gerald Sangster

Tony Ridgeway
Albert Ruben
Henry Sandoval
Jeff Scoggin

Tony Rocha
Audrey Rushing
Norma Sandoval
Esmeralda Sedillo

Upper Left: Greg Porcella concentrates on achieving a victory during the ping-pong tournament sponsored by fall Student Council.
Upper Right: Mr. Leroy Giovannoni and Bill McGill discuss Bill's progress in art.
Above: David Howell conducts a bubble gum experiment in biology class when having a substitute teacher.
Far Lower Left: John McCay takes a break from his daily work in World Geography as Oscar Bazan and Arturo Peral hurry to complete their assignments before the bell rings.

Right: Ramona McFarland and Suzanne Crum pass the time during the break by eating while on their way to check out the action in the courtyard.
Far Right: With deep concentration, Derek Shuman 'zeros in' on an unsuspecting friend hurrying to lunch, certain that his next shot will be the perfect one.
Below Right: With a cheerful expression, John Gish works on a still life drawing in beginning art class.

Carlos Sergio
Mary Shaird
Debbie Shaw

Derek Shuman
Anna Sierra
Susan Singleton

Carl Skaggs
Cynthia Smith
Karen Smith

Ronnie Smith
Valerie Smith

Coby Snyder
Diana Snyder

Debbie Stroud
Terri Sullivan

Jenise Sutton
Charles Tademy

Ricky Taylor
Robert Teeple

Elmer Tharp
Bob Thiebold

Robert Thomas
Farina Thompson

Rigo Trejo
Christopher Usiak

Thomas Vallin
Genise Van Duyn
Alice Velasquez
Rob Veneman
Martha Vera
John Verrissimo
David Villapudua

Karen Walker
Steve Walker
Tammie Walker
Cecil Wantland
John Wantland
Monty Warren
Tim Watson
Diana Westbrook

Donna Westfall
Doug Wheeler
Lisa White
Scott Williams
Tim Williams
Tricia Williams
Lee Wong
Dianna Ybarra

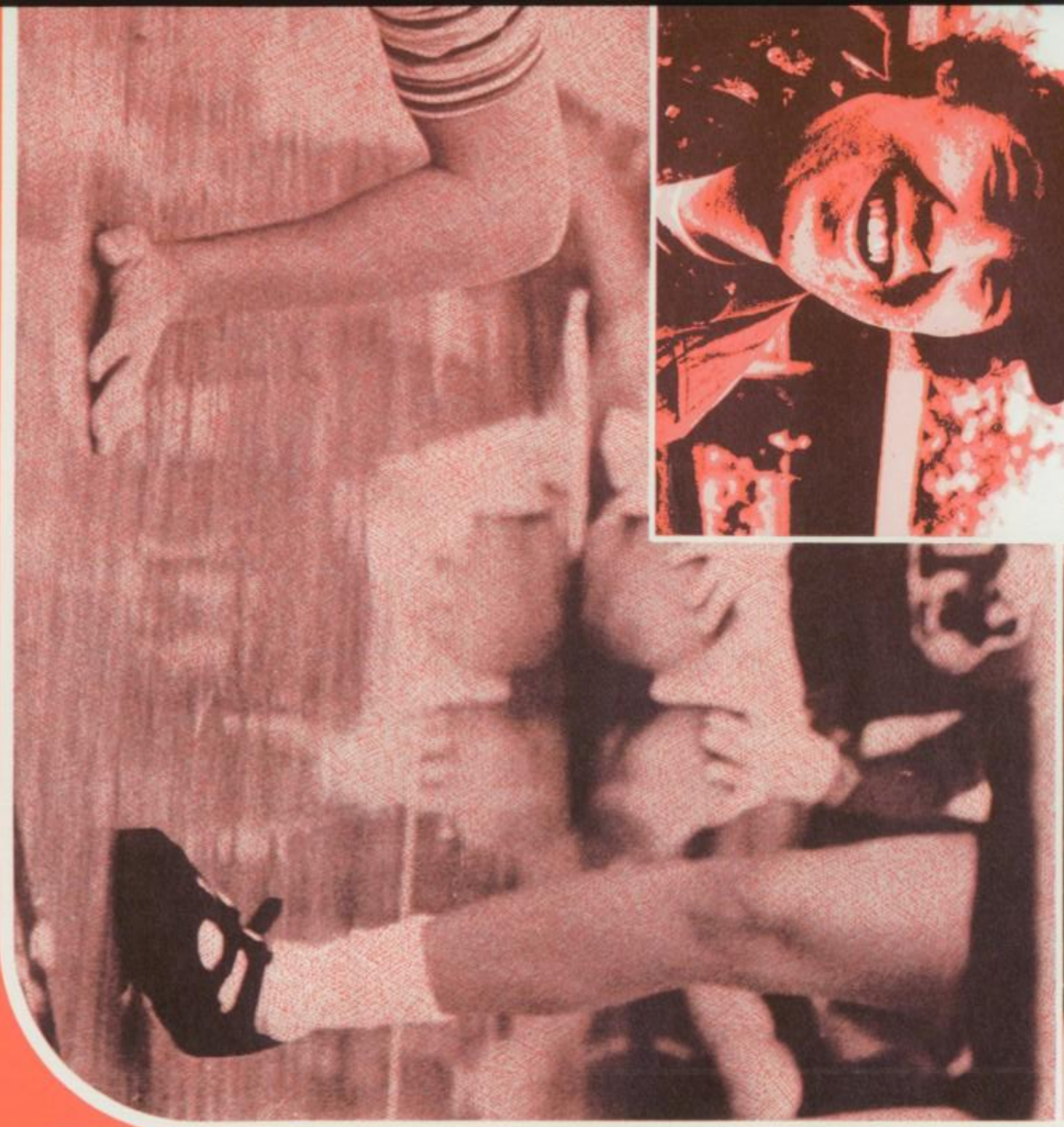
Angela Young
Corrina Young
Larry Young
Richard Young
Eva Zavala
Norma Zavala
Kurt Zellman
Janie Zumbach

Right: A sculpture fountain beautifies a McHenry Avenue savings and loan.
Far Right: Proud of his accomplishment in ad sales, Mike Merenda smiles at having received another contract.
Center: Record-breaking ad salesman Mark Tanner smiles with satisfaction at his contribution to the Sycamore.
Below Right: A time exposure photograph yields the bright lights of passing traffic on Freeway 99 north of Modesto High School.
Circle: Students enjoy shopping in the newly constructed Vintage Faire mall.
Below: Kenny Olsen develops one of the finer techniques of egg rolling in class competition at the first basketball rally.

With a goal of $6000, the 1978 **Sycamore** staff sold more ads than ever before, with Mark Tanner and Mike Merenda each selling over $1200, outdoing Mike's brothers who had been top salesmen in previous years.

Continuing the student opinion polls started last year, the staff added topics concerning entertainment and employment.

The new Vintage Faire mall continued in popularity among students as the best place in town to buy clothes, and food, and to meet new friends. Many MHS students worked there at part-time or full-time jobs,and 'I'll meet you at the Faire' became a popular saying as well as a button.



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Randy Anderson tries to decide between a Minolta and a Canon, just two of the many kinds of cameras and equipment available at the Camera Center.

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Steve Rocha examines a top brand hockey stick while Phil Johnson checks out a heavy compound bow at Joe Rudi's Sport Center.

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Jaylene Tuggle, Brenda Wheat, Doug Carlton and Mike Johnson look through a large selection of greeting cards at Paradise Rexall Drugs.

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Matt Hildreth attempts another strike at Yosemite Lanes.

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Scott Calkins, Greg Bauer, and Rhett Calkins find out how much fruit they can buy for a dollar at Ray's Market.

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Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected classes which represented a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. How often do you go out to eat?
   A. almost never 22%
   B. 1-5 times a week 60%
   C. 6-10 times a week 15%
   D. More than 10 times a week 2%

2. When do you go out to eat most often?
   A. breakfast 2%
   B. lunch 40%
   C. dinner 58%

3. What type of food do you like?
   1. American (hamburgers and french fries)
   2. Mexican (tacos and burritos)
   3. Italian (pizza and spaghetti)

4. Comments on why you choose restaurants or food service locations.

"Because it's boring sitting around school and the food is a lot better at restaurants and fast food outlets."
—Senior Girl

"I like to take a break from the school's food once in a while. It's also fun just to go out with your friends at times when there's nothing going on at school."
—Sue Van Duyn (junior)

5. Comment on why you go out instead of eating at home.

"It makes it easier for me because then I don't have to cook or wash the dishes."
—Sophomore Girl

"Sometimes when I'm going somewhere, it's faster to stop some place to eat than to sit down at the table for a meal."
—Junior Boy

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ROAST BEEF
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524-7801
222 McHenry Avenue
Modesto

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Modesto
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Russell Miller and Kenny Olson examine a large hunk of meat while spending the afternoon in the walk-in refrigerator at Bailey's Meats.

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Donna Page

Owner - Operator

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Oakdale

Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected classes which represented a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. What type of clothing do you usually wear to school?

A. jeans and T-shirt	15%
B. casual (nice shirt, pants or skirt)	70%
C. sporty	7%
D. dressy	6%
E. other	2%

2. What type of shoes do you usually wear?

A. tennis shoes	12%
B. platforms	11%
C. casual (earth shoes, etc.)	66%
D. boots	9%
E. other	3%

3. Do you buy or make most of your own clothes?

A. buy	94%
B. make	6%

4. Comments on why you wear the kinds of clothes you do.

"I feel comfortable in sport clothes. They have a kind of style now in sport clothes that I enjoy—colors are bright and fit is good.

—senior girl

"I have them so why shouldn't I wear them? And I enjoy dressing up."

—Emma Vento (junior)

"I'm that kind of a guy."

—junior boy

"It makes me feel nice and comfortable to come to school dressed up."

—Anita Nation (sophomore)

"I feel better wearing casual clothes rather than sloppy or dressy."

—freshman girl

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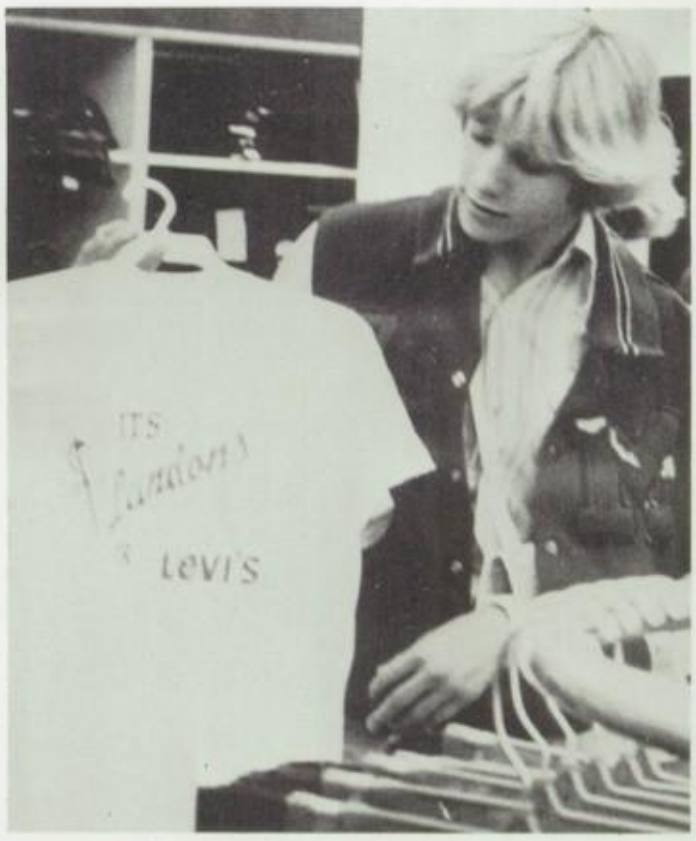

At Landon's, Rod Wright examines the new T-Shirts in stock, which advertise while being worn.

Dunlap's
Mc HENRY VILLAGE
1700 McHenry
Modesto
524-9221
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Adding to their pre-college wardrobe, Paula Morrow and Suzanne Porcella inspect the many trendsetting outfits in the Act I Dept. of Dunlaps.

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Modesto

Mike Hatter, Mike Alvarado, and Rocky Vinnedge check out the athletic equipment of their own individual tastes at Valley Sporting Goods.

Sears

100 VINTAGE FAIRE
MODESTO, CALIF.
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M-F 10-9
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pony tail shop

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Modesto
bus. 523-3875
Linda MacDannald
res. 523-1177

Paula Tanner George Travao enjoy having their hair styled at Golden Charm.

Good Luck
Graduating Class of 78

Assemblyman John Thurman

930 15th Street
Modesto
521-1111

Valley Movers Inc.

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Modesto
523-7586

Tom Crook and Valley Movers move the old MJC gymnasium to its new location.

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INDUSTRIAL WASTE DISPOSAL

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Sue Van Duyn and Suzanne Fisher consider buying their waterbeds from Waterbed Kingdom.

Waterbed Kingdom

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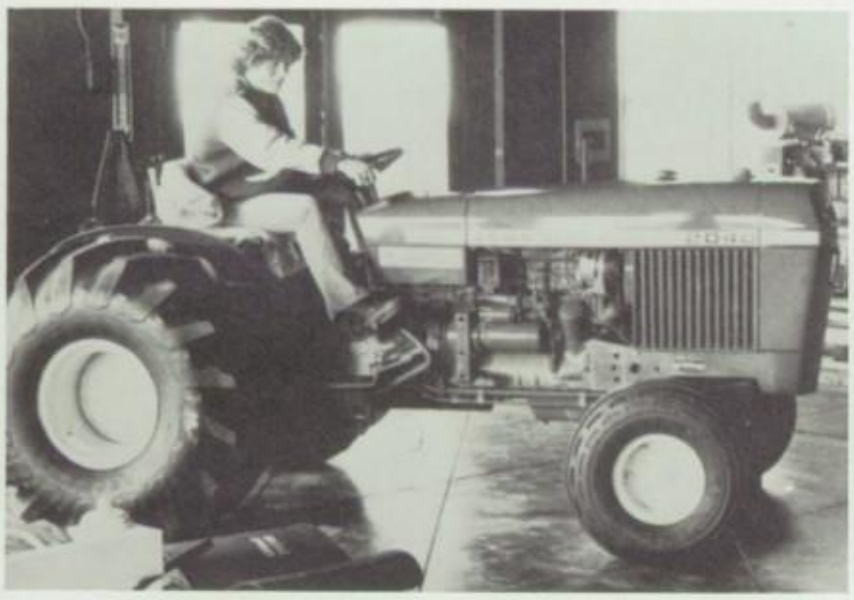

Lanny Nelson finds there are many things you can do with a tractor.

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Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected classes which represented a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. How do you get to school?
   - A. walk 18%
   - B. ride a bike 4%
   - C. drive 32%
   - D. take the bus 31%
   - E. other means 15%

2. How would you prefer to come to school?
   - A. walk 10%
   - B. ride a bike 1%
   - C. drive 76%
   - D. take the bus 6%
   - E. other means 7%

3. Approximately how much do you spend on gas in a week?
   - A. $10 or more 32%
   - B. $5 29%
   - C. $3 or less 39%

4. How do you service your car?
   - A. professional service 49%
   - B. through your own labor 51%

5. Comment on your ideas about transportation.

"We need more parking area here at school!"
—senior girl

"I think that people should check around their neighborhoods and see if they can't take turns driving to school. That way they would use less gas money and help cut down on air polution."
—Nina Satriles (sophomore)

"I like to drive my own car, that way I can come and leave when I want to."
(junior girl)

"I think economy is the main factor, and that's why more people should ride bicycles and Mo-Peds."
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Ed Morris Dairy

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Modesto
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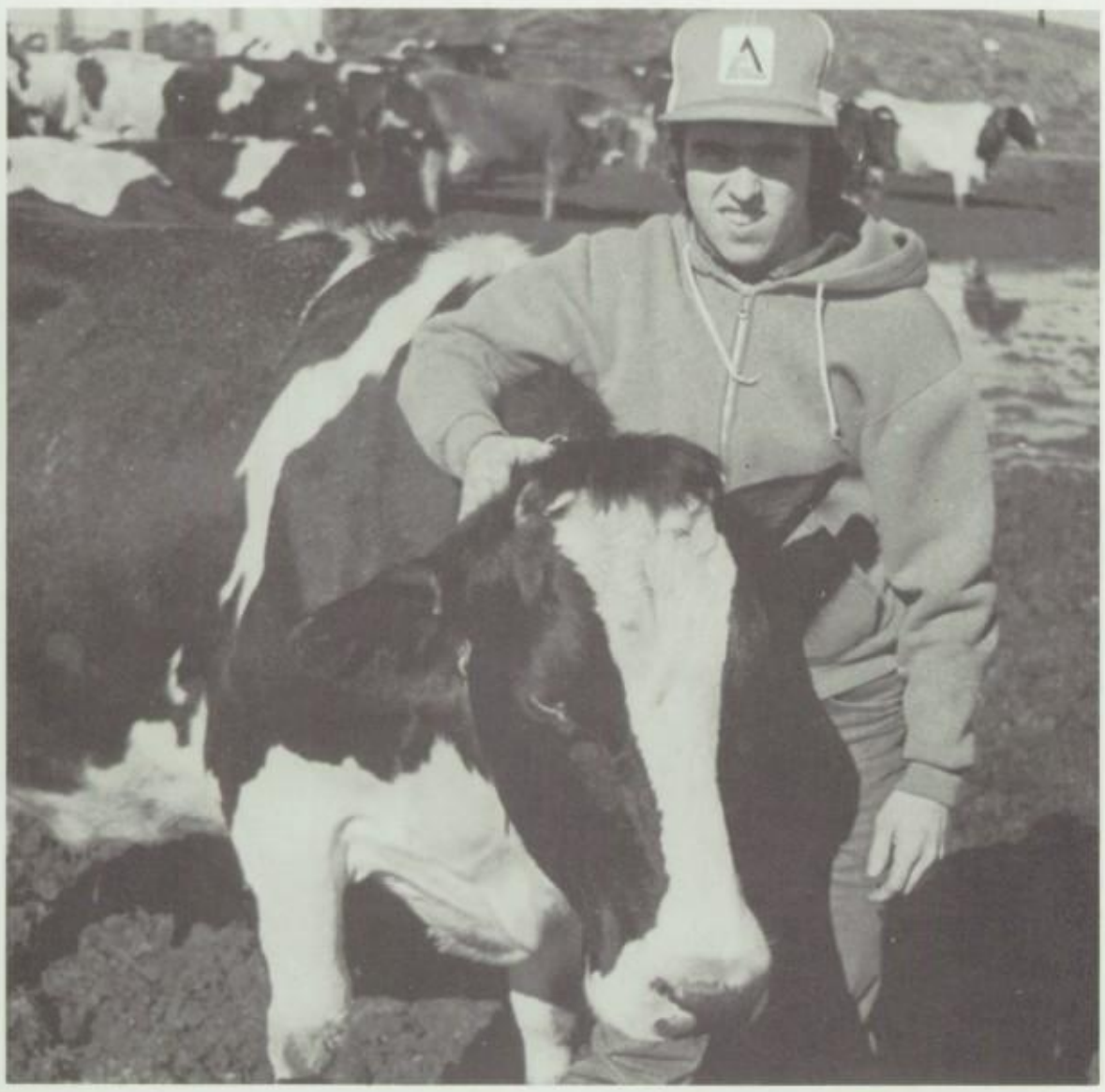
MHS senior Ed Morris checks out the dip stick in his father's Cherokee before take-off.



Ed Ehrler Dairy

5919 Paradise Rd.
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Future Farmer Joe Ehrler displays one of his prized Holsteins.

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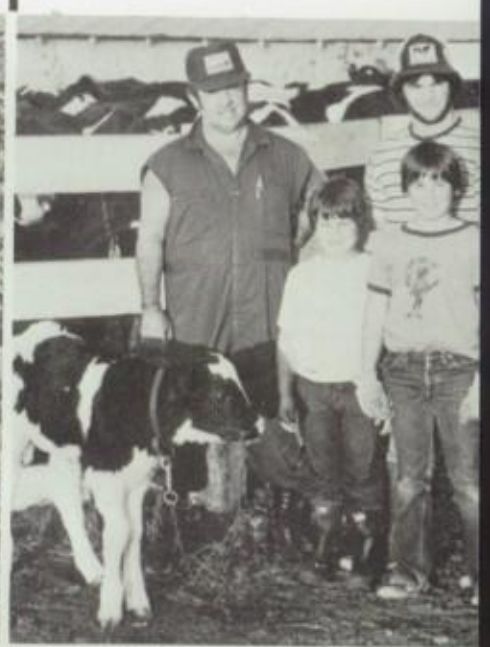

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Irmino Lorenzo
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Pete Menghetti
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ALMONDS

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WALNUTS
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WALNUTS

Bill Sciarini
6213 Paradise
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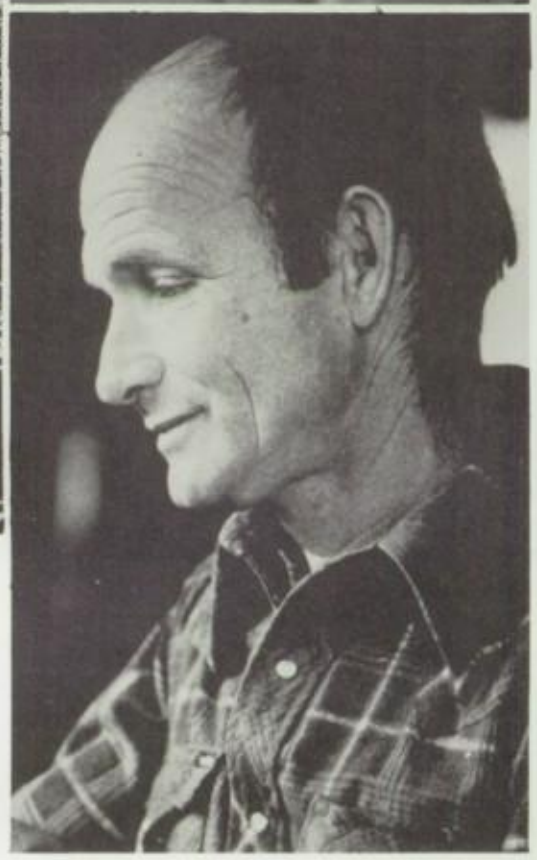
-Congratulations-

Class of 1978



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Sycamore ad	$270
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Corsages for mothers of senior football players	$55.12
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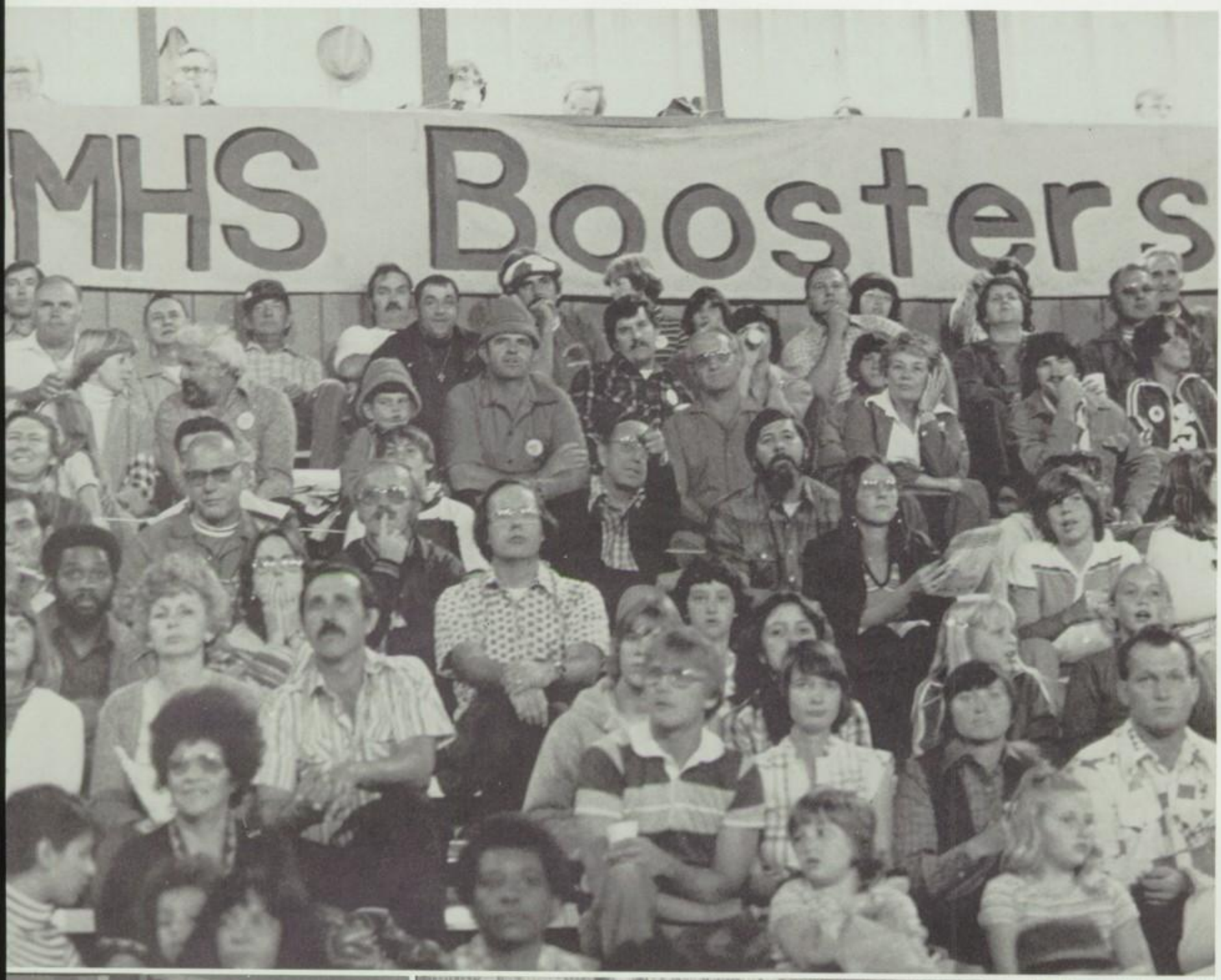
Wrestlers trip	$200
Senior Placemat ad	$40
Barbeque for football players	all items donated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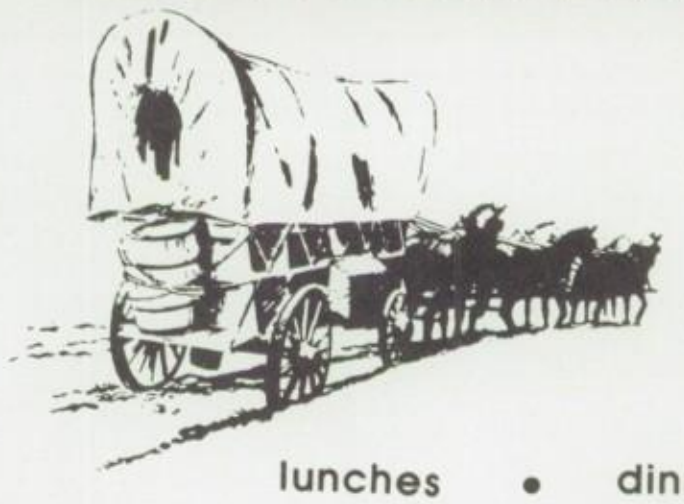

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Susan Alonzo—MHS '78

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2 The Mama Burger
Pure Beef Patty with our Super Sauce and garnish.

3 The Teen Burger
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4 The Papa Burger
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With the completion of the 68th edition of the **Sycamore,** we of the 1978 staff would like to express our gratitude to the friends who helped to make our book an unforgettable one. Special mention goes to:

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•and finally, our advisor Mr. James Shuman, who has whole-heartedly given his expertise in the field of journalism to the production of the **Sycamore.** His deep concern for the book and his students has inspired us to strive for excellence and creativity, and we will always remember him when we look at our book.

Left: Cliff Ball discusses picture selections and copy placement on his layouts with advisor Jim Shuman.

Colophon: trying hard to make a yearbook which pleases everyone

No matter how hard we tried or how late we stayed up, it seemed like the work on this book went painfully slowly. The staff was not immune to the generalized apathy and spirit of procrastination so prevalent elsewhere on campus. With maddening regularity, deadlines were missed by a few days—then a few weeks—then altogether. March 1 found us with 125 unfinished pages and only three weeks to go. Yet somehow, we managed to complete it on schedule!

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Layouts for the cover, opening, and division pages were designed by Steve Rocha, Bret Meverden, Rhett Calkins, and Russell Lusk. Jim Costley from the Studio helped shoot many of the color photos, with Phil Johnson handling the rest of the color and much of the black and white on these pages.

The regular layout style throughout the book is four-column, with an occasional 'break' in the pattern where necessary. Although each 'spread' has a dominant picture, overall photo size was reduced somewhat, thereby enabling us to include approximately 225 more pictures throughout the book. With division pages reduced to four, and eight more pages in the book, we have provided an increase in pictures of almost 15% over last year.

The staff not only planned the layout, wrote the copy, and shot and printed the pictures (which is the basic requirement of every journalism staff), but they also typeset all the copy, and pasted everything into position, including black 'windows' for the pictures, and the ads. With almost total control over the final look of each page, last minute changes were sometimes made to accomodate a different shaped picture or allow for more copy. Coupled with these efforts to save money and exercise control over the design, the 1978 **Sycamore** staff also sold the most ads in the 68-year history of the Modesto High School yearbook, with the final tally reaching just beyond $6,700.

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Right: Yearbook Staffers Manuela Dias, Suzanne Fisher, Bret Meverden, editor Steve Rocha, Jeff Klink, Steve Bertozzi, Mike Alvarado, advisor Mr. Jim Shuman, and editor Phil Johnson, gather around editor Linda Nevitt for a peek in the new **Sycamore.**

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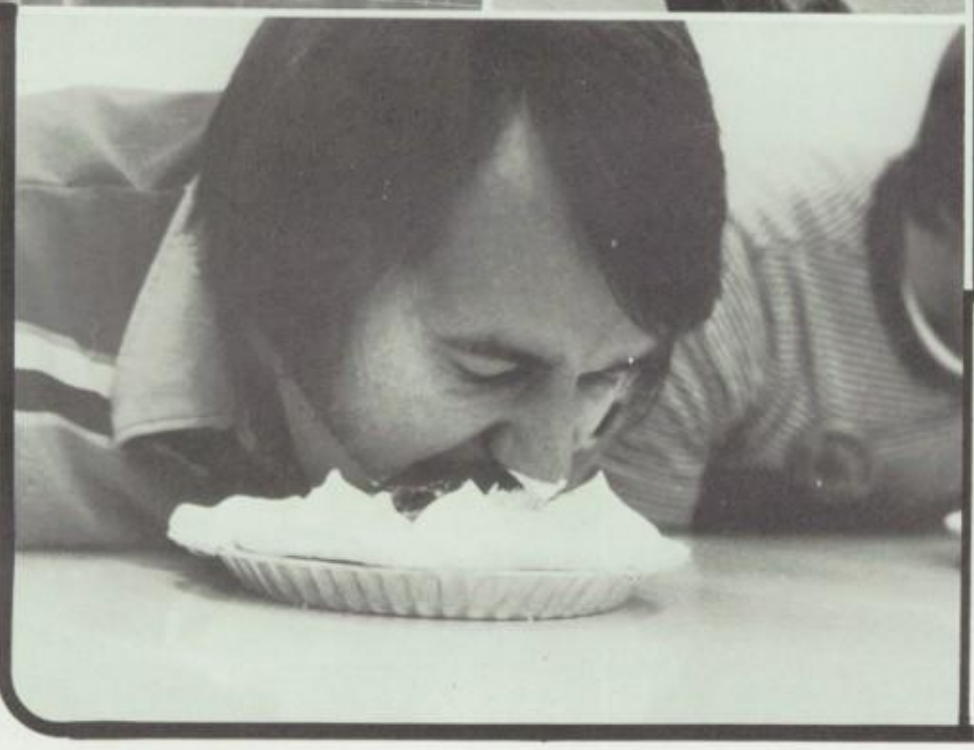

Far Left: Conducted by Maestro Runsten, Mr. Escobar, Mr. Hill, Mrs. McGhee, Mr. Galindo, and Mr. Sousa play their arrangement of 'Blue Danube'.
Center: Marci Harris dresses in her best for Hillbilly day.
Left: With a nose full of cream, faculty representative Mr. Runsten finishes second in the pie eating contest.
Above: Ursula Spani, Michelle Rocha and Donnie Wilson watch as Chris Nelson saws her way through a log.

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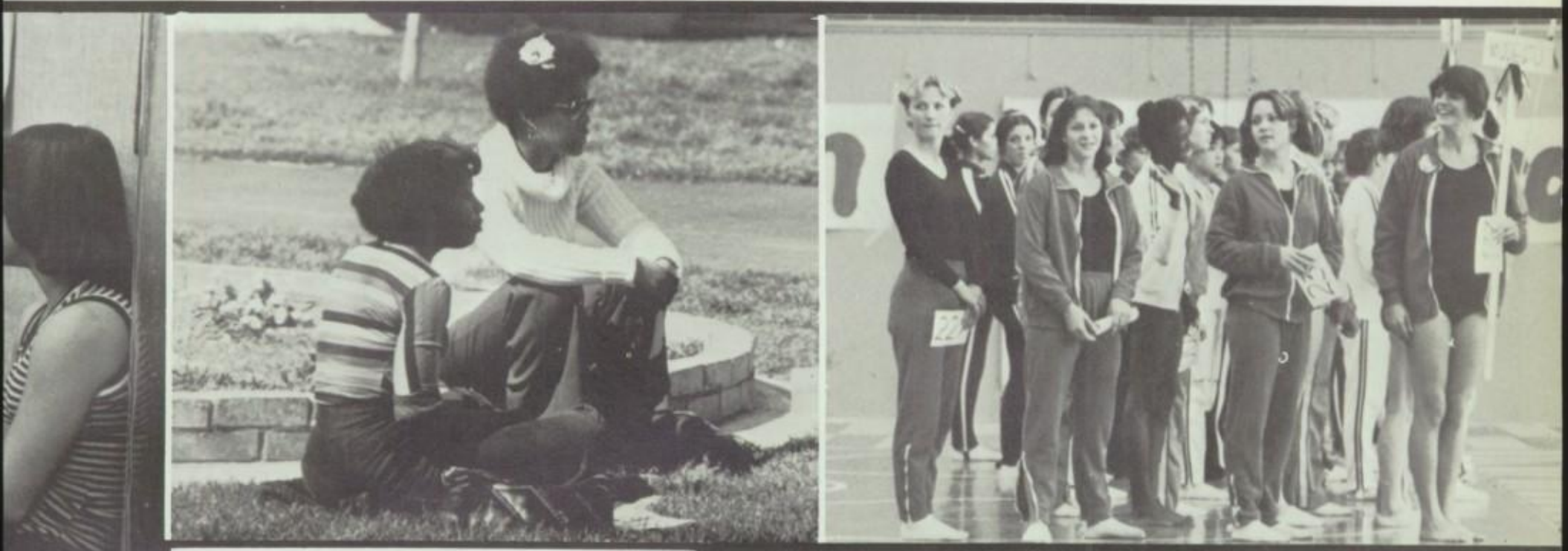

Extreme Far Left: Carrie Simas and Donnie Wilson share a few moments together between classes.
Far Upper Left: Edie Lau and Debbie Sheppard meet at Straw Hat to discuss the game over pizza and Coke.
Far Lower Left: Patti George gives a passer-by the eye.
Far Left: Joe Schoonover portrays a member of the rock group 'Kiss' on Crazy Day.
Left: Mike Alvarado shows Jaylene Tuggle and other by-standers how he plans to drive his new car.
Above: Sharon Anderson and Linda McInnis spend a leisure lunch time in the courtyard.
Right: The Girls Gymnastics Team awaits the meet.

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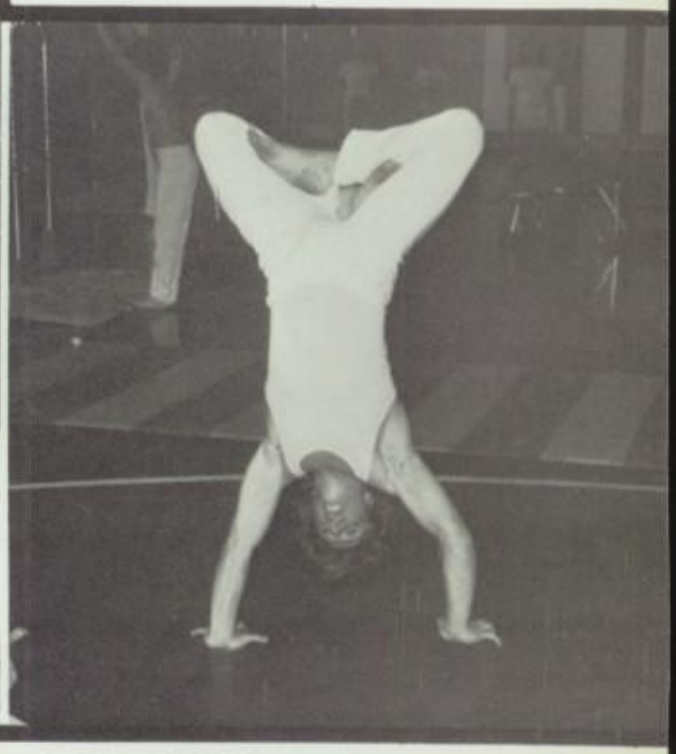
Far Left: John Clark, Bobby Gratton, Mark O'Kelly and Rolando Meeks sneak a few laughs in World Geography.
Center Left: John Walker, Robby Ayala, Pat McKee, David Sullivan and David Page 'shoot the bull' near the English wing.
Left: Tanya Graver strains to lift the bale during FFA Week.
Below: Lori Conrad and Gail Davis reminisce over the day.
Right: Charlie Sperry gets into an elastical position.
Lower Right: A car isn't always needed for transportation as Arthur Rosenburg finds Larry Williams' bike is fully-equipped.
Lower Left: Vicki Trammel is bored in one of her toughest classes, school service-English with Mr. Autry.



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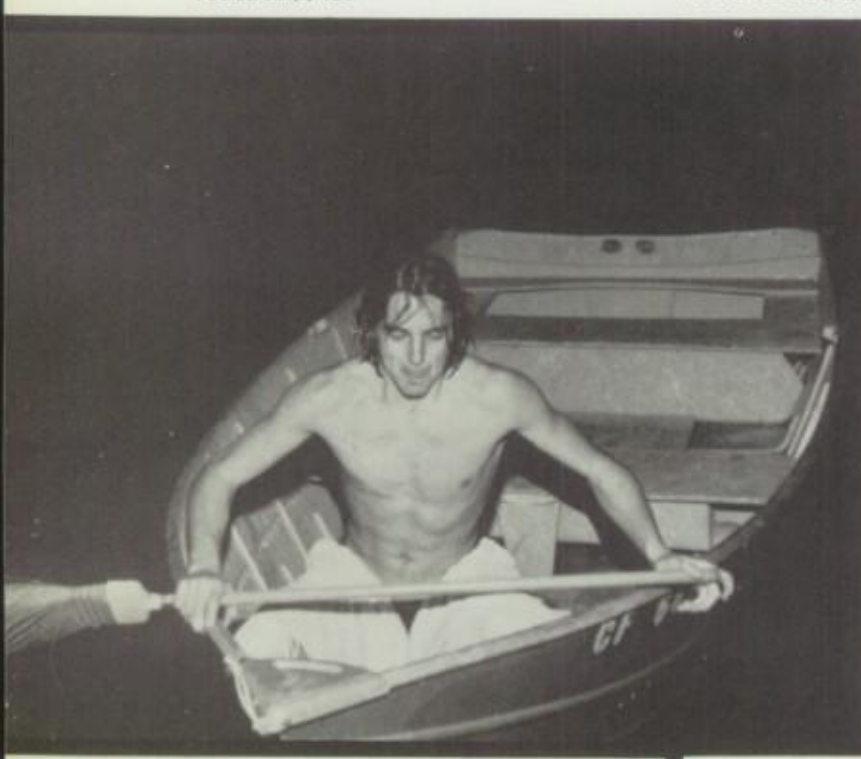

Left: Clifford Ball finds a broom the next best thing to an 'unlocatable' oar.
Above: Donnie Baucher tries to finish lunch in half the time by eating twice as many hot dogs at once.
Upper Right: John Laude, Doug Carlton, and Alan Bertozzi get small.
Far Upper Right Bret Meverden searches for his head, on 'the morning after.'
Far Lower Right: Among other couples on the front lawn, Joe Velo and Angelina Martinez enjoy each others' company during lunch.
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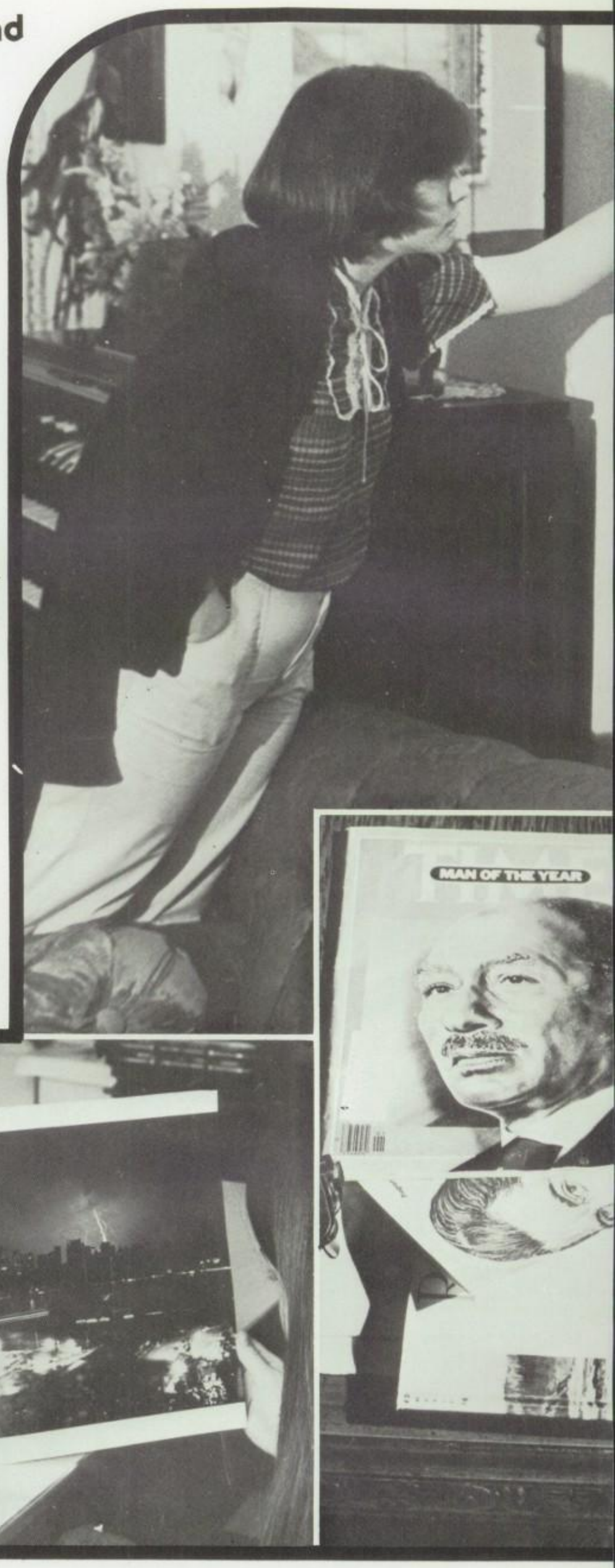
Aside from the emphasis placed on Panther life—it remained a small yet significant speck on a giant political, social, economic, and confusing globe revolving through space—1977-78 marked an international academic year which could be described as a 'boiling pot of action.'

Unquestionably the story of the year, Anwar Sadat's courageous mission to Jerusalem could easily be compared to any major breakthrough for mankind. Kept undisclosed from the public until the last moment when he announced it to the Egyptian parliament, Sadat's plan for the trip was even a surprise to the Israelis, who had invited him. Nevertheless, as the plane which carried Sadat arrived at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport, everyone, including the Knesset, Israel's parliament, was there to greet him. During his dramatic speech to the Knesset, Sadat appealed for peace, but made no practical concessions. Two weeks later in Tripoli, Arab hard-liners denounced Sadat as a traitor, but were unable to close ranks against him. Retaliating, Sadat broke relations with Syria, Iraq, Libya, Algeria and Southern Yemen. Yet, no one could block out the thought that Sadat's spectacular gesture toward Israel was a giant step toward breaking the 29-year-old deadlock in the Middle East.

Honoring the 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's reign, 1977's Silver Jubilee was to the British what the Bicentenial meant to the US. The 12-month event full of ox roasts, cricket matches, maypole dancing and festivities in the streets was climaxed with a week-long exhibition of pageantry, concluded as the Queen's gilded state coach, built in 1762, set out from Buckingham Palace.

Another important event, but closer to home, was the uproar over the Panama Canal. Until this year, the canal had been a prime example of US colonialism to the Panamanians. As for the Americans, the large waterway had been nothing more than a convenient route for navigation, studied in fifth grade and forgotten thereafter. Then, with the introduction of a pair of treaties by President Carter, agreeing to give possesion of the ditch to Panama by the year 2000, the nation erupted into turmoil, with strong political opinions from both parties and extremely close votes in the Senate.

Terrorism was at an all-time high, as it seemed the entire world was plagued with extortion, kidnapping, and murder. Bombers were blamed for the destruction of scores of American businesses (during the first four months of the year, 600 explosions were recorded). For foreign executives in Brazil and Argentina and the wealthy in Italy and Switzerland, the prey for kidnappers never ended. For many



days, Dutch children in schoolhouses and passengers on a train were held captive, with no one knowing what would result. In Japan, officials gave up $6 million in order to get their hijacked DC-8 returned. One of the most terrifying and complex of all events happened in Germany with the chain of violent deaths which occurred at the recapture of a hijacked airliner.

Marked as the worst disaster in aviation history, the head-on collision between two 747 jumbo jets in which 582 people died was called the "ultimate airplane disaster." Scene of the catastrophe was Tenerife Airport in the Canary Islands. Visibility conditions were poor; pilot of the KLM jet loaded with European tourists assumed he had been cleared for take-off, but at the same time, a US Pan Am charter was taxiing up the runaway. Despite desperate attempts to dodge one another, all failed. The crash killed everyone aboard the Dutch plane; only 62 survived on the Pan Am.

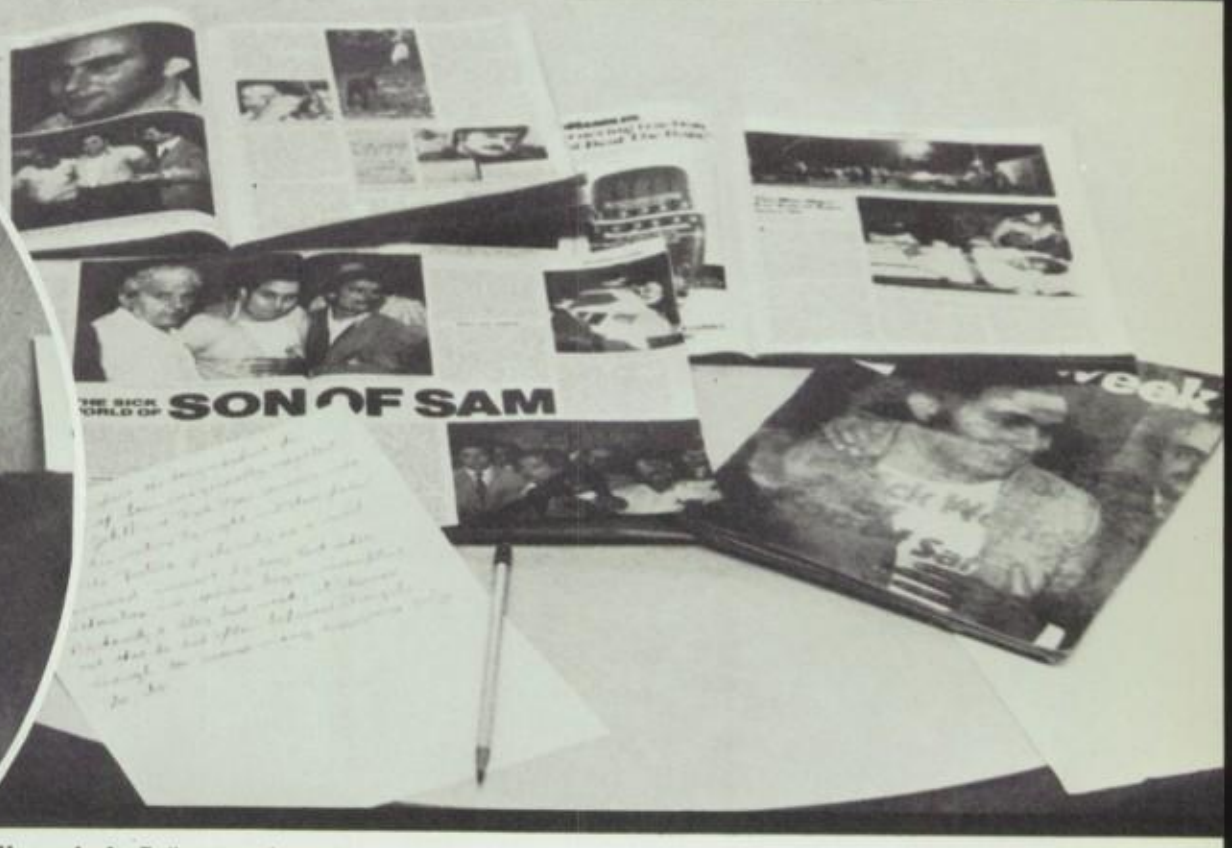
Jimmy Carter finished the first year of his term as President of the US, gaining public approbation at the beginning, but the critic's re-evaluation one year after his inaugural re-named him 'Jimmy One-Term.' His energy proposal was snipped to pieces by Congress. After intimidating Congressional hearings, his Budget Director, Bert Lance, was forced to resign due to compromising financial activities. Carter's stature was further reduced by his brother Billy, who practiced the art of foolmaking before a national audience: in the process earning more money at it than Jimmy did for his services as President. A Polish/English interpreter embarrassed the president by mixing his language in front of 300 welcoming Polish officials on Carter's 9-day trip to Poland, India, the Middle East and Europe. Nonetheless, Carter was praised for his outspoken stand on human rights.

Attended by 1,842 delegates and over 12,000 spectators, the first National Women's Conference was the largest women's meeting in US history. Held in Houston, Texas, the convention lasted three days, and by the time it was over, the delegates had endorsed a 25-point National Plan (the strongest point in support of the Equal Rights Amendment), and submitted it to President Carter.

Meanwhile, on the other side of town, a counter-rally was taking place with 15,000 in attendance. Many were waving Bibles and carrying signs with messages such as "Up with God, down with Gays." For entertainment they sang hymns and watched a film with a message from anti-homosexual Anita Bryant.

A fearful night to remember for many was the great New York blackout in mid-summer. Started by a severe thunderstorm, the outage engulfed the entire city and lasted 25 hours. It was most devastating in the ghettos of Harlem, Brooklyn, and south Bronx, where the darkness set off a rampage of crime. The damage was tolled at 2,000 stores looted, 1,000 fires started, $20 million in merchandise stolen, and total destruction estimated at more than $1 billion.

The list of outstanding events goes on and on. MHS students were fascinated by the opening of the Alaskan oil pipeline after several false



Upper Left: Following the advice of the MID, Robin Barnhill turns the thermostat down to a cool 68 degrees. **Above:** David Berkowitz, alias Son of Sam, provided good material for psychology reports in Social Studies. **Circle:** Always trying to keep the walls of social science rooms interesting, Mr. Whitaker adds a poster of President Carter to the ever-changing poster board. **Center Left:** Anwar Sadat, a name that was often mentioned this year found his place on the cover of Time magazine as Man of the Year. **Far Left:** Manuela Dias reads about the New York City blackout, "a fearful night to remember" in **Life's** "The Year in Pictures."

California's drought turns into a flood. . .ERA stalls in Kentucky. . .Alaska US. . .Dallas Cowboys, New York Yankees, Portland Trail Blazers nationa

starts and quick shutdowns. They sympathized with President Carter's disappointment but nevertheless supported Congress' decision to halt production on the B-1 bomber. They cheered announcement of the decision in the Baake case, which halted all forms of discrimination, especially reverse discrimination, since teenagers have long felt the sting of intolerance.

Their concern over heat and fuel was insignificant despite the coal strike which threatened to paralyze much of the eastern US, yet they were puzzled by the miners' refusal to obey a court order and go back to work.

The whole nation mourned the death in December of Senator Hubert Humphrey, the 'happy warrior' who, as a liberal, had long been the favorite of students everywhere.

The winter weather of 1977-78 was at least the equal of the year before in most of the US, with records of every kind being set in many localities. From unheard-of drifts and below-zero temperatures in the midwest and east to the extensive flooding along the California coast, MHS students were content to make use of the weekly replenishments of snow on the ski slopes, a pleasure they had been unable to enjoy the previous year.

The situation in Africa grew more volatile and explosive, with solutions and rejections flowing rapidly in all directions. Rhodesia appeared on the verge of black self-rule, but South Africa edged further into **apartheid** and severe racial repression. Ehtiopia and its neighbor Somalia broke into all-out war, and Cubans quickly jumped in to help the Ethiopians.

Back in the US, Legionnaire's Disease was discovered in half a dozen different cities, and doctors began re-examining previous cases of pneumonia for the elusive bug now thought to be common in much of the country.

Despite a massive campaign to push through the ERA, its passage seemed stalled, at least for this year, and Kentucky became the fourth state to rescind its ratification of the amendment, setting off a debate as to whether states have the legal power to change their minds on such issues. The question was further clouded when Kentucky's lieutenant governor, a woman, vetoed the new legislation in the absence of the governor.

For farmers it was a year that will be longed remembered. The drought had brought two heartbreaking years of unfullfilled expectations. The shortage of water supply meant a decrease in crops, which for the community meant an increase in the

oil flows into lower champs

Far Lower Left: Many hearts were saddened when Bing Crosby died at 72.
Lower Right: Steve Bertozzi is caught between two beauties, Farrah Fawcett-Majors and Cheryl Tiegs: which one is better?
Left of Circle: Mike Alvarado was struck by the outer-space syndrome and couldn't decide on a Star Wars mask or a Close Encounters game.
Circle: Steve Rocha considers buying an Elvis Presley poster before the rest are gone as happened two weeks after Elvis died.
Below: Derek Shuman reads about the star of the World Series for 1977 with 5 homeruns: Reggie Jackson.

price of many foods. Many efforts were made to slow down the consumption of water, including the MID's Red, White, and Blue cards to help homeowners reduce their use of electricity at peak periods, and a ban on lawn sprinkling from 4 to 8 pm.

That endless nightmare was borught to a halt in mid January when rain, a word almost forgotten, finally appeared in abundance. Tears of joy soon gave way to a look of worry, and then concern, as the drought was replaced by flooding conditions all over the state. Locally, every available roadblock was put out for safety reasons, warning of flooded streets. Yet for many people the rain was more welcome than despised, for now the rationing of water was over.

1978 was a year of upsets in the eye of every sporting fan, from the dethroning of 'The Greatest,'Muhammed Ali, by Leon Spinks who had only had six previous pro fights, to the Denver Broncos being the first team in pro football ever to make it to the Super Bowl the very first time they were in post-season play. Going into Super Bowl XII, the Broncos and their Orange Crush defense were carried by the momentum of 'Bronco Mania.' Predicted by many to unload the Dallas shotgun, they found the tables turned by the Cowboys' Doomsday II defense. Led by defensive ends Harvey Martin and Ed 'Too Tall' Jones, Dallas forced Denver's offense into eight turn-overs. In the end the Broncos found themselves on the short end of a 27-10 romp.

In the world of baseball it seemed a soap opera season with Charlie Finley and commisioner Bowie Kuhn in their usual court entanglements while certain players were receiving huge sums of money from the free agent market. With the Yankees getting free agents Reggie Jackson and Don Gullett, they seemed unbeatable. So did Cincinnati, especially after acquiring ace pitcher Tom Seaver, but the Big Red machine faltered and finished the season 10 games behind the Dodgers.

The season brought day by day bickering amoung young players and management in the Yankees organization but somehow they overcame these problems to become the American League Champions. Under the leadership of their first year manager Tommy Lasorda, the Dodgers handled the Phillies easily with a 3-1 series record to become the National League Champions. Going into the World Series, the Dodgers were favored to hand the Yankees their second straight World Series loss, but the sizzling bat of controversial Reggie Jackson turned things around, as he hit a record five homers in the series with three (also a record) in the sixth and decisive game. Thus, the Yankees regained the world crown for the first time in 14 years.

With division races tighter than they had ever been, the National Basketball Association had the most exciting season ever. The Los Angeles Lakers were believed to be the strongest team in the league after the acquisition of

A year of transition in entertainment. . .TV, hit songs, movies popular with all age groups

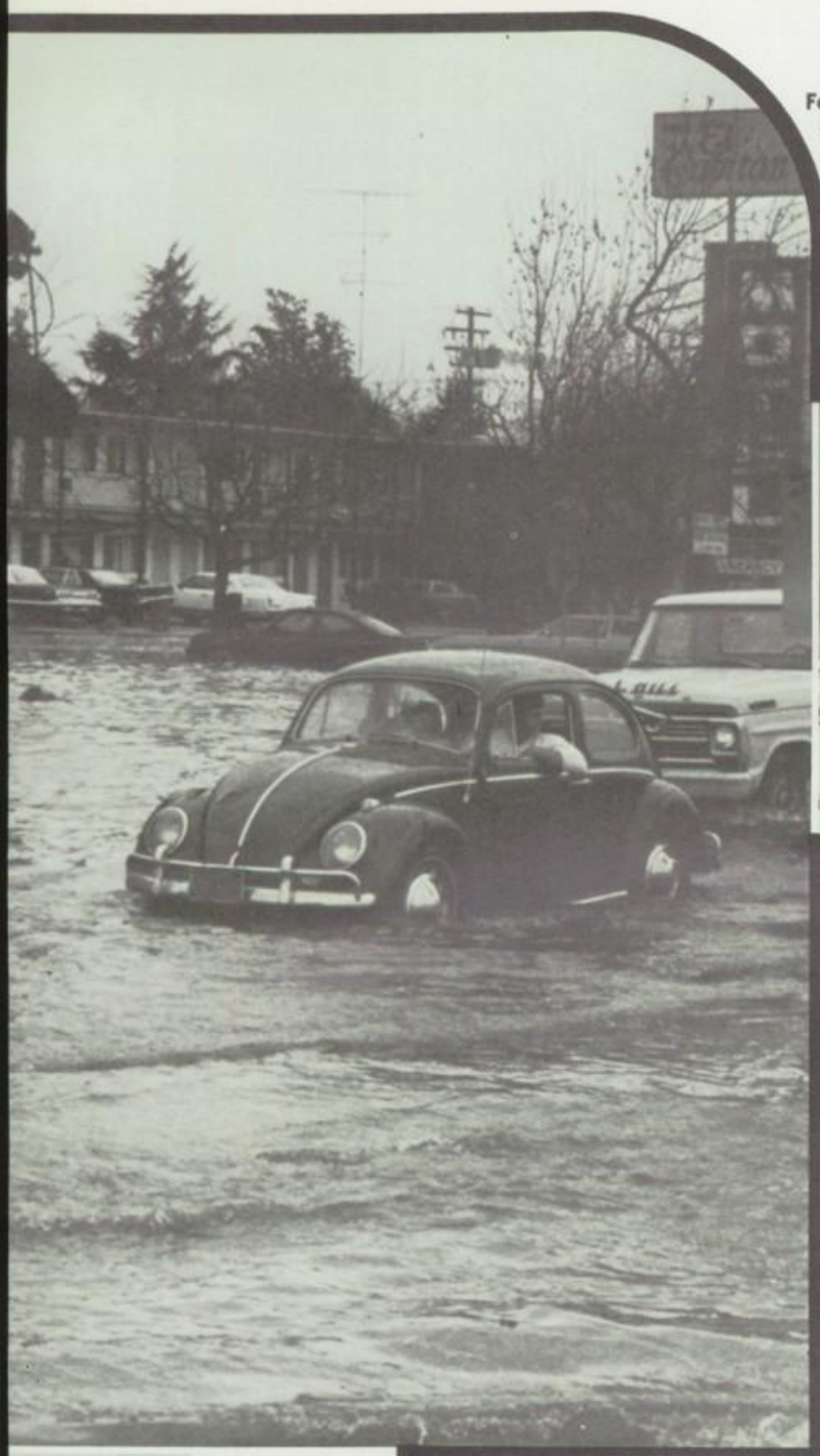
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar who was the league's MVP for the fifth time in the last seven years. Although the Lakers finished the season with the best record of league play, LA's championship hopes quickly disintegrated as they met the Cinderella Team of the year, the Portland Trail Blazers. The Blazers went to LA heavy underdogs but handily whipped the Lakers in four straight games, led by 'Mountain Man' Bill Walton and 'The Enforcer' Maurice Lucas, who combined to overpower the Lakers' high-scoring center and shut off their fearsome attack.

Moving on into the championship series, the Blazers were once again underdogs as they met the Philadelphia Seventy Sixers led by star forward Julius Erving. The Sixers started off fast and the series locked up as they handily whipped Portland in the first two games. But Philadelphia's wheels came to a halt when they journeyed to Portland for Game 3. Portland came back to shock the basketball world by beating the sixers in the next four straight games to become the world champs for the first time in their franchise history.

It was the year of miracles in the world of horse racing. When 17 year old apprentice jockey Steve Cauthen rode his first winner aboard a horse called Little Miracle nobody thought much of it, but a few weeks later they knew he was no ho-hum rider. By the end of the season Steve Cauthen had become the leading New York rider with 430 winners and purses totaling $6 million, both well above the previous state records. All this was accomplished despite the fact he missed a month of work from a broken wrist, broken fingers and a concusion suffered in a spill.

And becoming the first undefeated triple crown winner, Seattle Slew left his mark in the history books.

1977-78 will be long remembered as a transition year in the world of entertainment, because there were so many changes, not only for the good but also for the bad. An unusual number



Far Left: One of the most traditional parts of Modesto High, the victory bell wagon is a familiar sight during football season.
Center Left: Mr. Sherman and parents discuss the territory they will cover to canvass for the tax override.
Left: The aftermath of one of the heaviest rains in local history on March 4th finds Alan Bertozzi's VW engulfed in water.
Below: Board members discuss the $600,000 budget cut made necessary with the defeat of Propostion B.
Center: Brian Marconett and Sherri Ulloa comfort each other on a 'nothing goes right' type of day.
Lower Center: Some students go to any lengths in order to get the perfect shot as Kenny Olson demonstrates.

of prominent entertainers died, including Joan Crawford, Bing Crosby, Groucho Marx, Charlie Chaplin, and Elvis Presley.

When Elvis died, people rushed from all over the world to pay their last respects to a man who was one of the greatest entertainers of all time. They continued coming to his graveside for months, while everyone with a copyrighted piece of his work rushed out a new release, and sales were enormous.

Things took a goulsih twist soon after Charlie Chaplin was buried, for someone with thoughts only he could guess dug up the body and stole it. His intentions remained a mystery, as no 'messages from the underdog' were forthcoming.

Despite many moments of sorrow, the entertainment field had some very bright spots. Motion pictures brought some big hit songs along with excellent viewing. The theme song from the movie 'You Light Up My Life, sung by Debbie Boone, hit the top of the charts for weeks. 'Saturday Night Fever' starring John Travolta was a big hit, with four songs from its soundtrack in the top ten (three of these written by the popular group, The Bee Gees).

Another popular group was Fleetwood Mac, whose album, 'Rumors,' was the hottest-selling album for more than six months. Controversy erupted over a song called 'Short People' with some states forbidding their radio stations to put it on the air.

But with advancing technology and 'new morality' came some problems: reading is considered by many students to be an inefficient means of learning and entertainment. Instead, they turned to television for their daily news and entertainment. As one student put it, "With the TV you don't have to read. The people on the boob-tube do it all for you. . .with pictures, too." However, as students leaned more and more on television, the desire for entertainment rather than education grew. It became easy to let a whole day slip away while sitting in front of the TV; some students were classified as 'television addicts.'

1977 marked the beginning of the end for 'new morality.' Parents discovered that television was one of the big reasons why Johnny couldn't read. TV programming as well as viewing became more discretionary and selective.

Adult contemporary music grew in popularity among Class of '78 members as they approached adult status after four years of high school. It came in many forms: radio, cassette and 8-track tape decks, and stereos were the 'in' transmitters of music, while students attended rock concerts and community concerts alike.

Movie-going became a big deal as it provided excellent entertainment and a good place to take a date. With the addition of the Vintage Faire Cinemas, Modesto grew into a 15-theater city.

Below: Members of the MHS VICA proudly displays the certificates they received in regional competition.
Right: David Townsend aids Chris Santos in studying for the High School Equivalency Examination.
Far Right: City Council Members discuss the implications of the lot tax for school finance.
Lower Left: Channel 13 newscasters interview Mr. Sherman and Mr. Autry for their views of the high school district needing additional funds.
Lower Center: Celebrity Jesse Jackson signs autographs for Ida Salinas and Becky Rosas.
Lower Right: An outspoken councilman, Harry Kullijian explains why the lot tax is, in his opinion 'regressive.'

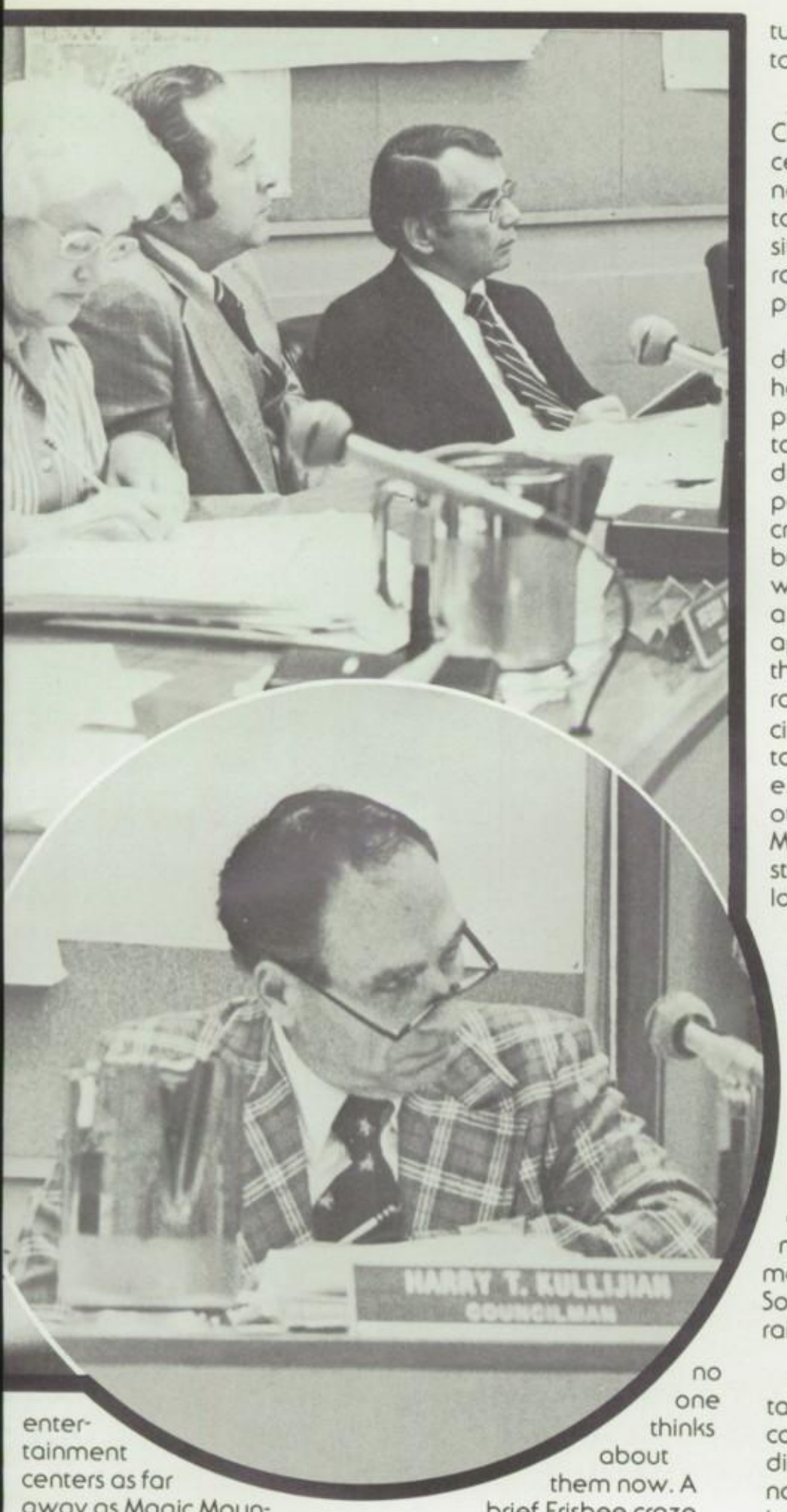
20% of electorate defeats Proposition B . . .High schools face severe budget cutbacks. . .Lot tax helps impacted districts with construction funds

With public urging, TV violence and crime shows declined. Among the few that remained were "Kojak" and "Starsky and Hutch." Situation comedy grew in popularity with such shows as "All in the Family" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" leading the list. Others such as "Three's Com pany" and "Eight is Enough" also made it big on the charts. Sexually provocative shows gained momentum with "Charlie's Angels" and "Soap." Variety shows ranked among the favorites were the "Carol Burnett Show" and "Donnie and Marie." Old-fashioned values were represented by "The Waltons" and "Little House on the Prairie." Viewers found entertainment in a wide range of styles, from "Hee Haw" to "Hardy Boys" to the "Gong Show" to "The Tonight Show."

Movies were more frequently constructed around meaningful themes. This was evident in such memorable films as "Rocky," "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Network," "All the President's Men," "Rollerball" and others. Spontaneous and slapstick humor became necessary ingredients displayed in "What's Up Doc?" and "Fun With Dick and Jane." Disaster films such as "Airport," "Towering Inferno," and "Earthquake" were popular. Crime movies were less abundant, although both the "Godfather" and "The Sting" scored high. Science fiction was back in vogue with "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters" box office hits.

Freshmen experienced the thrill of their first Friday night football game which was followed by encounters with the teen-age masses on McHenry Avenue, pizza parlors stuffed with triumphant, victorious Panthers, and hours of celebration.

Students enjoyed weekend slumber parties and bull sessions, marathon phone calls, ski trips, fishing trips, backpacking, hiking, and swimming trips, and occasional excursions to



entertainment centers as far away as Magic Mountain or Great America. Miniature golf, roller skating, bowl- or billiards remained popular, and students flocked to the newly-opened 'Tilt' game room at Vintage Faire. Yet most popular were the parties —endless rounds of parties!

Some fads were only passing crazes, briefly sampled and then discarded. For a few weeks, students were willing to pay any price for the strange candies called 'Pop Rocks,' but that was **last** year; no one thinks about them now. A brief Frisbee craze swept the campus; so did thick socks with individual toes in various colors. Despite many fleetingly temporary 'in' things to do, MHS students found they had grown to maturity in the excitement and fun of Panther Life.

In the recent past Modesto High School has been the focal point for both political and social crisis: having suffered through a year of uncertainty about its own future, there was now the need to face city-wide problems.

Last August, the Modesto City Council approved a 36 cent per square foot tax on new houses, and a 500 dollar tax on new mobile home sites. This tax was intended to raise money for financing impacted school districts.

An immediate million dollar loan from the city helped to purchase sites on a priorty basis for the elementary and the high school districts which were most impacted by the sudden increase in construction of suburban housing. The loan, which will be paid back over a five year period, will pay approximately 20 per cent of the anticipated new classroom cost. Harry Kulijian, a city council member, called the tax "regressive" for not excluding senior citizens and other low-income housing. Mayor Lee Davies also stated,"the ordinance is too loosely written."

When asked, a homeowner of the Sonoma district agreed, "This is the only solution that the schools have." He stated, "Traditionally the 40-65 age group is the primary group that purchases residential property anyway. Our neighborhood is growing so fast that Sonoma School cannot accommodate the students. Something has to be done to raise sufficient funds."

Even when the new lot tax was put into effect, the construction of new homes did not decrease. The city now feels capable of obtaining enough money for the construction of future mandatory school buildings. But this was one of the few successful taxations to aid the school districts.

On March 7 the voters living in the Modesto High School District turned down a tax increase election. Billed as essential for continued operation of programs by the Modesto City Schools Office, 'Proposition B' would have raised $1.3 million for the high schools, and was listed on the ballot as a $150-per student increase. Although school officials emphasized that this amounted to only eight cents per $100 of assessed evaluation, the measure was rejected 50 to 48 per cent.

Passage of the measure would have restored $474,000 cut from the budget last November and increased limited funds elsewhere. MTA, PTA, and school officials supported the measure, and there was no organized opposition.

Harry Bradley, president of the Modesto Teachers Association, stated, "If the funds generated by 'Proposition B' are not forthcoming, everyone affected by the schools will suffer."

Yet the ballot results were disappointing. Only 10,000 voters showed at the polls, revealing that only 20 percent cared enough to vote.

When the Modesto Board of Education met after the increase failed, they predicted that another 800,000 to one million dollars would have to be cut from the high school district budget for next year. Trustees also stated that they would present the override again on the November ballot for reconsideration of the voters. But even if it is successful then, the increase in funding would be a year away: thus 1978-79 will be a very bleak year financially. Trustees also feared passage of Proposition 13 in June would force further severe budget cuts and even closure of the schools.

Since the override failed, Modesto High will have to reduce teaching staff and classroom materials to meet inflationary costs. It is almost certain to involve reductions in custodial, maintenance, and clerical staffs too. There will also be a reduction in providing school buses for field trips and non-league athletic events. The high school students of the Modesto area will have to make do without sufficient books and other classroom supplies. They will be faced with a narrower curriculum and a substantial increase in class enrollment.

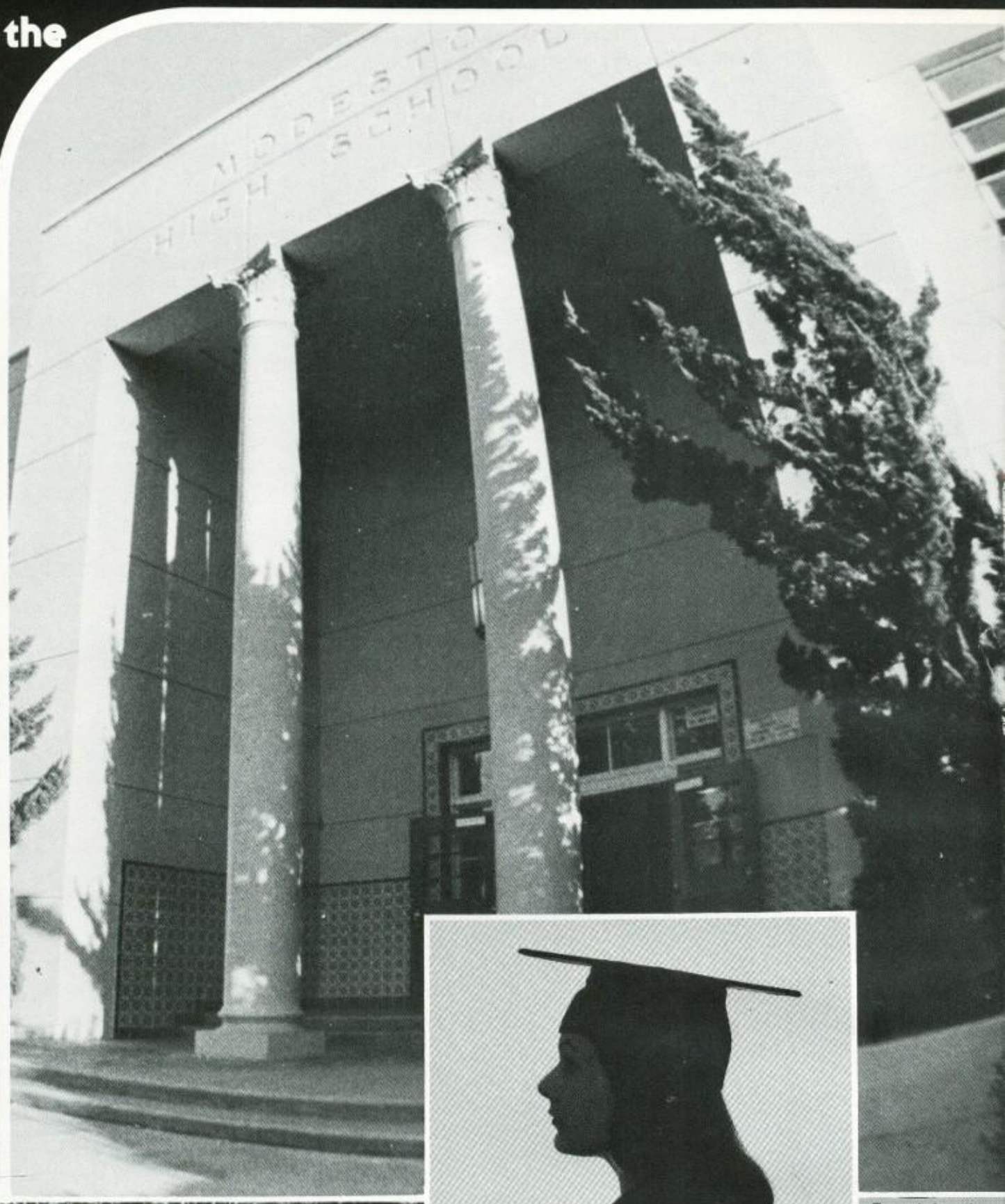
Panther Life: from the past to the future

Memories: a mental scrapbook filled with recollecting, both fond and painful, of four years spent at Modesto High School; they are all that is left on the day following graduation.

Recalling the 1,370 days spent as MHS Panthers one wonders, "What was in it for me?" Some viewed it as a means for finding a marriage partner, others fought it as an obstacle to their hard-sought freedom, but the majority recognized it as an institution of educational value supportive of their goals in life. Yet only in retrospect do we realize that high school is the major instrument in the process of maturation.

However apprehensive as freshmen, our feelings of diffidence became even greater at the approach of graduation and the uncertainty of our futures. Easier dealt with as seniors, this insecurity is soon replaced by ambition: A drive for success.

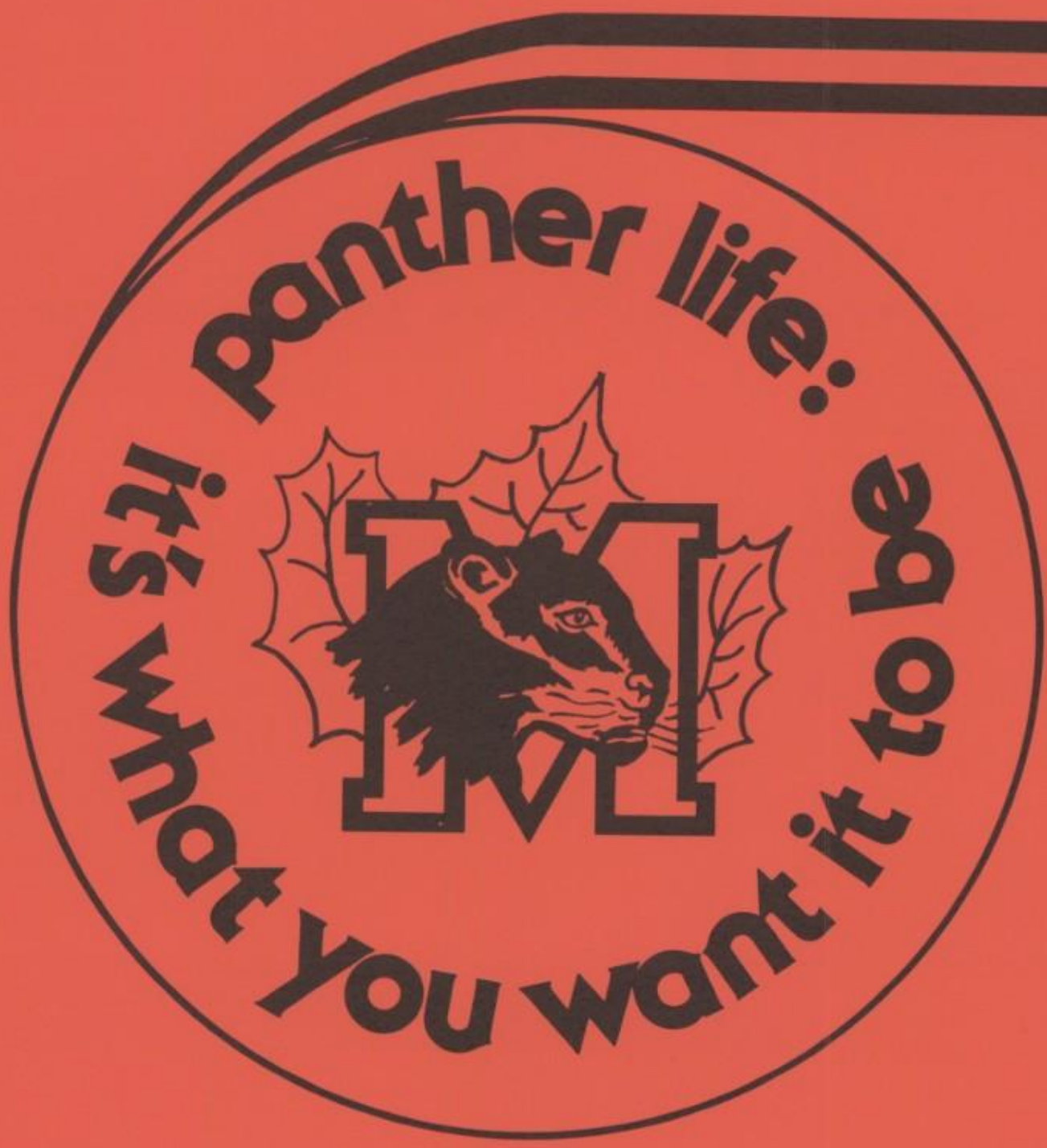
Experiences undergone as a member of the MHS student body, whether happy, sad, or indifferent hold lasting impressions in our minds and hearts as we progress into the future. Together they form a collective response to the question, "Panther Life: What's it all about?"



Top: A familiar sight to all who attend MHS for any duration of time, the wide-open double doors are symbolic of the atmosphere at the school: friendly and eager to receive everyone who chooses to come to this oldest high school in town.

Above: Looking back at the many facets of high school life which have provided meaning and enrichment in her life for the past four years, a graduating senior contemplates the prospect of continued success in the future.

Left: A most distinguished creature among others in the jungle, the mighty panther well represents a member of the MHS student body, confidently moving out to face the world and secure a place for himself.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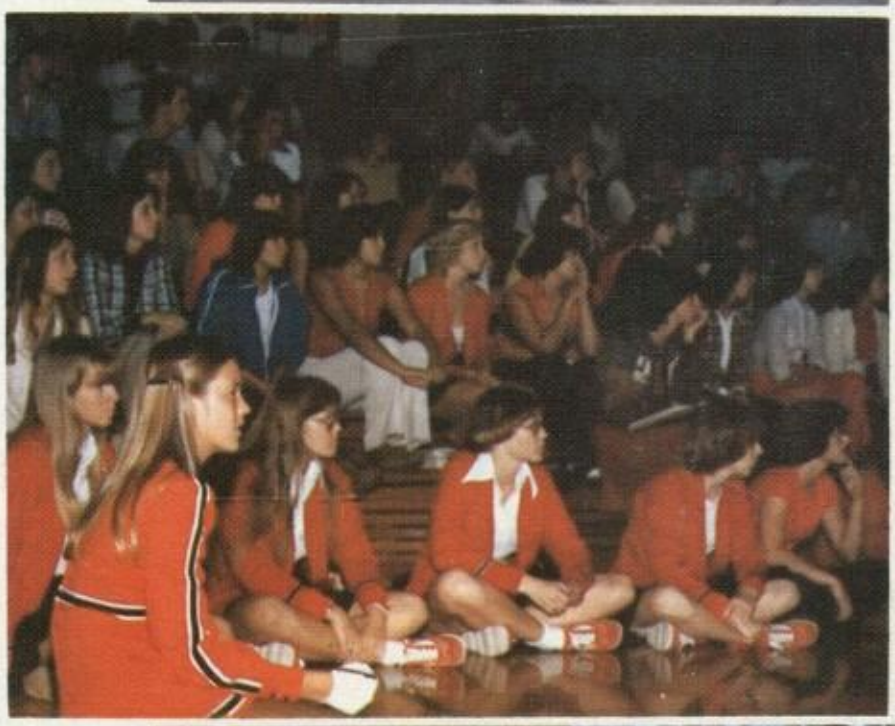
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